Vayne County Stalls Riot Equipment Purchase

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\$43,450 in riot control armaments has been sidetracked imtil less letah means can be
found to quell civil unrest while
preserving "the personal dignity of the citizen,"
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the shertiff's committee, headed by
Plymouth Supervisor Archie E.
Vailler.

The Issue went back with instructions to talk with instructions to talk with Prosecurow William L. Cahalan and
Shertif Peter Buback about
means to prevent unrest and
quidelines for putting down violence if it comes.

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olence if it comes.

MILLIGAN STARTED the reversal last week as a member of the ways and means committee. Thursday he compilmented Vallier's committee and before the trouble.

However, I believe this is a policy matter because, among other things, it might involve the personal dignity of the citizens, "Millighan said,
He proposed that the board of supervisors develop a policy that all county agencies in dealings with citizens "do so in a way that respects their personal dignity."

"We need to be assured that there will be no unilateful action but a team action if nee-

Black Jargon Chilling

"The previous speaker kept talking about 'our' -- 'our scheir' and 'our country', said he young Negro with the beard and bushy hair and wild-hued shirt.

"There's nothing 'our' about this country for the Negro,"
Thus did an audience of predominantly white establishment liberals getafake in ating, chilling look into the mind of a Black Power advocate.

THE AUDIENCE about 500 persons attended a statewide conference on crime Thursday in Detroits 500 fail, and when they talked about crime, bey gravitate or our attended a statewide conference on crime Thursday and the state of the country of the conference sponsors included the American Civil Liber ties Union, the League of Women Voters, the state Civil Rights Commission, the United Community Fund council, the Welfare League, law enforcement groups, the state Council on Crime and

council, the Welfare League, law enforcement groups, the state Council on Crime and Delinquency, Some in the audience were upset that the final panel on the program should be on "Social Protest and the Administration of Justice" -- as if protest were a crime.

BUT CARL SMITE made it interesting for them.
Carl Smith was born in the South, raised in Grand Rapids, helps run the Black People's Free Store there, and attends Western Michigan University part-time.
His language was polite, but satitude toward the white liberals and the "Uncle Tom" Negroes was coldly contemptuous, "Whites control all the

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definitions.

"There's nothing wrong with probest - until the black man does become a rich white sare "colonizers" and blacks "the colonizers" and blacks "the colonized." "There is no justice in the colonizers' court for the colonized." Smith spoke in jurg on-"toppression," "exploitation," "changing definitions" and the vague "they."

"White people in this country "White people in this country."

vague "they,"
"White people in this country
have always been armed. When
the black man wants to arm,
the white man gets upset," said

An EARLER Negro speaker spoke of political advances Negroes had made in electing officials in Mississippi and a mayor of Clevelland and Gary. But Carl Smith would have noon, "Black people elected the blacks because they hought it was thus young Black Power advocate saw it, there could be no racial integration, there couldn't save the peaceful co-crisioner. The only solution be sing for the black man (be didn't leven "Negro" because he considers it a white man's term) is a separate community, separate institutions.

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essary to act against civil disorder."
Milligan asked for aprogram
of prevention, controlling any
violence that occurs, a study
of the logistics of handling prisoners to preserve their civil
rights and dignity, and a more
expeditious handling of resultant court cases.
He suggested that the board
delay action on any purchase,
of guns and other riot equipment until it settled on "porgrams and policies."
Milligan pointed to warnings
that a wedge is being driven
between the whites in the suburbs and the Negroes in Detroit's inner city.

troit's inner city.
"I am deeply concernedparticularly with the relation-



EDWARD MILLIGAN Order or Law?

ship of suburban communities
--that we are growing apart,"
he said. "We need to make
it crystal clear that we are
not interested, that we have
no desire to maintain order
at the expense of law."
He asked that the list of
armaments be split into two
sections.--tlems the sheriff's
department needs immediately
and those which can wait tuil
the board establishes politics
and guidelines.

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, seeretary-treasurer of the Wayne
County AFL-CIO, made them
tion which sent the arms tuysided with Milligan, stating:
"Civil liberties are an integral-part of police operations,"
Spervisor Alfred M. Pel-

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, secretary-treasurer of the Wayne County AFL-CIO, made the motion which sent the arms buying proposal back to Vallier's

tive, suggested a countywide human relations program "to prevent such things (riots) from occurring,"

mement such things (riots) from countring."
Detroit's Mayor Jorome P. Cavanaph met last week with suburban mayors in an attempt to bridge the rap of misunder-standing and put down the rise of rumors of trouble again this summer.

He told them Detroit police are geared now to handle any unrest that develops in the city, and offered a hot line intelligence service to suburbs if violence is spread beyond the city limits.

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Cavanagh, Livonia Public Saf-ety Director Donald R, Nich-olson made a special plea to report rumors of unrest to the police.

Wayne County's plan to arm the sheriff's department for violence came after Detroit bought new equipment and made plans for controlling unrest if it develops again.

it develops again,
Vallier' said his committee's
list of armaments was approved
by the Mitchigan State Police.
The list includes 148 shotguns and rilles, including fire
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90 men.



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