

## Job dispute finally resolved

# Hazen is Murphy's assistant

By ROBERT KIPPER  
OAKLAND COUNTY—It wasn't until former undersheriff Leo Hazen got away from the county that his job uncertainty was finally resolved.

Thursday, as Hazen began a two-week hunting trip, County Executive Daniel Murphy announced he was naming Hazen his administrative assistant, effective immediately.

Murphy's announcement ended a month's speculation about what the county could do to keep Hazen, a 26-year veteran with the sheriff's department, on the payroll.

Hazen was replaced as undersheriff by former Detroit police commissioner John Nichols, who officially took office last Monday.

HAZEN WILL SERVE as liaison person between the county administration and law enforcement agencies in the county, Murphy said. The former undersheriff will receive \$22,600, slightly less than the \$23,500 he made with the sheriff's department.

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"Hazen is a person I didn't think the county could afford to lose," Murphy said, explaining his selection.

It came as no surprise that a new position turned up for Hazen, although it earlier looked like the job-hunting would take longer.

Hazen, a popular Republican and onetime political rival of Democrat Sheriff Johannes Spreen, was virtually abandoned on the county's doorstep when Spreen announced a month ago that he was bringing in Nichols to be undersheriff.

Although Spreen asked that the new position of jail administrator be created to keep Hazen with his department, there was little likelihood that

his request would be approved. That Hazen's and his future with the county, a matter for the Republican-controlled administration and county commission to decide.

COMMISSIONERS ON THE Personnel Practices Committee, who had been exploring alternate positions for Hazen were unable to find anything when they met two weeks ago.

However, last week, three days after Hazen's service as undersheriff ended, Murphy removed the job search from the committee level by appointing Hazen to his staff.

As county executive, Murphy isn't expected to have any approval in picking administrative assistants.

While things started looking better for Hazen—who had the added luxury of escaping county matters for deer hunting—his replacement took office last week under less than ideal circumstances.

A group of more than 35 demonstrators picketed the county jail Tuesday, angered by the removal of Hazen. Most of the picketers were less critical of Nichols than of the man who



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bumped Hazen for him, Sheriff Spreen.

Although Undersheriff Nichols said he wished the picketing hadn't occurred, he doubted he would have any serious trouble dealing with a department used to Hazen's touch.

Nichols said he felt the men would be objective and, once they got to know him better, approving.

Nichols said he was pleased Hazen was appointed by Murphy to work with police units in the county.

"They could not have found a more qualified person," the Oakland County newcomer said.

## Military Service

RECRUIT TRAINING GRAD  
Marine Pvt. Gerald R. Nichols, son of Mrs. Dorothy E. Jones of Troy graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Physical conditioning, discipline and teamwork are emphasized during Marine recruit training.

Classes include instruction in close order drill, Marine Corps history, first aid, uniform regulations and military customs and courtesies.

ELECTRONICS SCHOOL  
Navy Seaman Thomas E. Reusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll F. Reusch of Troy, has completed Basic Electricity and Electronics School at the Service School Command, Great Lake, Ill.

During the four-week course, he was provided basic technical knowledge and skill in electricity and electronics, receiving instruction in basic mathematics and use and application of test equipment.

HOME BASE  
PV2 Mark A. Behrendt is stationed at a small Army base near Würzburg, Bavaria, Germany. He completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. and received advanced training in radar at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Behrendt of West Bloomfield and a 1972 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. His complete address is: PV2 Mark A. Behrendt 35546325, HHD-347 ADA, APO New York 09036.

REPORTS FOR DUTY  
Marine Pvt. Bryan K. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Jones of Troy, reported for duty at Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan.

A former student of Sterling Heights High School, Sterling, he joined the Marine Corps in February 1974.

BASIC JET TRAINING  
Navy Ensign Thomas H. Glesser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Glesser of Birmingham, is receiving basic jet training at the Naval Air Station in Beville, Tex.

His training includes radio navigation, acrobatics, formation and night

flying. He is a 1974 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a Bachelor of Science degree.

AVIATION OFFICER CANDIDATE  
Navy Aviation Officer Candidate Steven S. Dailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Dailey of Lathrup Village, has begun basic flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School he will be commissioned an ensign and begin more than a year of intensive ground and inflight training leading to his designation as a Naval Aviator.

A 1973 graduate of the University of Michigan, he joined the Navy in August 1974.

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