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WHY did 42 people die? Why were over 2,250 men, women and children hurt. Why did Detroit flame for nearly a week?

Of course, the temptation is to say that we know why it happened, to give simple and solid answers to soothe our troubled

consciences.

Equally, once we have found out why it happened, we can start passing out the blame.

That's right. Get it off your

Outside agitators. Communists. Socialism. Failure to get tough at the start. A plot. Political she-

But that isn't true. None of

# To Black Racists, Law And Order' Are White Men's Subversive Ideas

About now, perhaps you're tired of hearing politicians say tired of hearing politicians say that one way to prevent riots is to teach "respect for law and order" or "respect for authority."

Gov. Romney says it more than anyone. President Johnson says it a good deal, too. Vice President Humphrey said it. Jim O'Neil, the Republican State Board of Education member from this area, says it.

It won't work, gents.

Take a look at the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee's little pamphlet, "We Want Black Power."

To the Black Power fanatics, 'law" means "white man's law."

To them, "authority" means "police force with 97 per cent whites in a city with 60 per cent whites.'

To them, "order" превля whites disrupting a friendly Negro gambling-drinking party at three in the morning, an hour or more after the whitebars.

"The black man in the ghetto ... is already living outside the value system white society im-poses on all black Americans," savs SNCC.

That's pretty sociological stuff. The "white society's value sys-tem" to these chaps means the white man's ideals of working, saving, investing, not wasting money on gambling; it means Christian ideals that aren't always practiced; it means whitewned banks, white-owned stores, white personnel directors in the plants.

"The white man controls everything that is said in every book newspaper, magazine, TV and radio broadcast," says the Black Power pamphlet. "Even the textbooks used in the ols and the Bible that is read in the churches are designed to maintain the system for the white man."

That's why it won't do any good to preach "law" and "or-der" and "respect for authority."

The Black Power pamphlet is emphatic that it wants to burn down white values. What values

stitute — other than a frank ad-mission of Voodoo — aren't spelled out.

So if it's useless to preach about "law and "order" to the rioters, what can you preach? We don't know

We're saying Romney, Johnson, Humphrey, O'Neil and the other politicians are wasting their breath, but we don't have an alternative. At least

Rebuilding the damage done

volve a lot more than urban renewal, technical training for the jobless and uneducated, and the gamut of social services.

ing new words and ideas to transmit to people who are being told by racist fanatics that everything a white man says is a lie and an attempt to subvert "Black

It's a big, scary job.

-Tim Richard

# Those rebuilding jobs will be relatively easy compared to find-

## This Is The Week That

Jerry Cavanagh doesn't de-

serve the rap.

Politicians who deal from headlines say he's finished in a parlay of domestic strife, money problems in the city and the na-tion's worst race riot in history.

Nuts. He's still the same guy Nuts. He's still the same guy
who had the courage to bail out
the country's fifth largest city
with a politically disastrous income tax.

He tried harder than any other

The tried nature than any other man — and this includes the cloud kissers in both pertinent races—to keep the peace. And what happens at the hearth is nobody's business.

What does this have to do with the next business.

the cozy suburbs?

the coxy suburbs?

It has plenty, because without a strong and vigorous De-troit with an economic base spreading outward like the sunshine, there would be no suburbs. Without Detroit we don't live. don't live.

cross out the legends of Edward Jefferies, who was mayor during the 1943 riots, and of Frank Murphy, later governor and the political godfather of G. Mennen Williams, and Cavanagh

is the greatest Detroit's had. | Cavanagh's first newspaper ellpping in Detroit was a b du t how he and three other University of Detroit kids were caught a parking lot with some fpotball betting cards. It was tossed

His next was his announcement for mayor against Louis

Miriani, whose financial policies followed the Ponzi kind of manipulating that Albert E. Cobo exercised before him. Detroit was a

iscal mess.
Cavanagh won, to everybody's surprise. The 20-20 hindsight of editorialists conceded he won because Miriani had ordered a crackdown' by police against crime! (Negroes) and Detroit needed a new face:

Cavanagh took office with a \$34.5 million deficit in the city. The races were tense and edgy. spoiling for a scrap. The poli and firemen were underpaid and the city needed a cham-

The city got one.

There was the day when the Uhuru, a militant black group stormed into Cavanagh's reception room and sat in mumbling freedom songs and demanding to be heard. Cavanagh came back from

cavanagh came back from lunch and heard the advice of his staff to talk to them, at least to their leaders. Cavanagh then and still, has the knack of politics. Michigan can't afford to lose him.

"These people don't repre-tent the Negro community and I won't see them," he said. So all of a sudden, Cavanagh is

on everybody's bad-guy list.

Detroit's in financial trouble again and it's going to take a lot of money to re-bail—a job Cava-nagh did before. Negroes of the nulitant stripe a re turning against him because he won't let them run the city. Same with the Rosedale Park whites.

Rosedale Park whites.
Suburban mayors knock.
Cavanagh because he got
Index could be some they d
buy billboard space.
It turned into a political mistake when Cavanagh went,
against Williams for the United
States Senate lin the primary.
Now he's smeared by grand jury
wiblicity for accepting money. publicity for accepting money from corporations, a practice en-joyed through various ruses by

both parties for years.

And the ladies and gents who and the laules and gents who sniff the haughtiest at the Cava-nagh domestic problems could better check their own. From the gossip, you'd believe Jerry Cava-nagh has no friends

nagh has no friends. see one every morning shav-

these simple things are true.

WE really don't know why they rioted in Detroit. We may have a few ideas, but we

They rioted in Detroit. We may have a few ideas, but we really don't know.

This makes the rebuilding job terribly difficult, for if you don't know why a building fell down if we way a fell secure that it won't colleage another time.

Particularly if buildings have been falling dolyn in Detroit, and Newark, and Just about everywhere we have feities jin this country.

There does seem, however, to be some evidence which hints at what may be doe of the causes, and it comes dut of looking at the sort of people who have rioted.

Daniel Moynthan, the director of the Harvard MIT Joint Center for Urban Affairs and one of the

of the Harvard MT Joint Center for Urban Affairs and one of the most thoughtful men now study-ing the sickness in our cities, has suggested that the people who did the rioting came from the "urban under class."

Moynihan says that this class is sharply, even radically differ-ent from anything known in sub-

urbia.

'The basic conditions that would appear necessary for the formation of such a class have clearly existed in our cities for a generation now," he says.

'First, and uppermost, is unemployment. The depression has never ended for the slum Negro.

never ended for the slum Negro.

To unemployment, add low wages, add miserable housing, add, victous and pervasive forms of racial discrimination, compound it with an essentially destructive welfare system and a social scientist would have every ground on which to predict violence in this violent country.

Moynihan adds that of the Negro youths reaching 18 in this class, some sik out of 10 have been at some ime supported by Add to Dependent Children programs. He also points out that perhaps two-thirds of the families in this class; have been at some time supported by

grams. He also points out that perhaps twothirds of the families in this class have been broken up.

This may or may not be true, like lail generalizations.

But if Moyalinan is even partially right in claiming that the riots are involved with people in this new class, we might think about two things if we're going to do any rebuilding worth anything at all:

1) If this is a rew class, its members are to ing to feel more allegiance to their class than to American society in general, particularly if we reflect that our society has had a lot to do with bringing them to the grim position they are at now.

This is perhaps a partial ex-

This is perhaps a partial ex-planation of the real thrust of the black power advocates, who claim that the Negro's only real allegiance can be with other Negroes.

only real allegiance can be with other Wegroes.

2 If this is a new class, and if it's he angry and dispossessed as Moynihan feels, then it will clash sharply with the rest of our supposedly classless society.

Karl Marx in twriting about the working class, predicted a never-ending secalation of conflict between the capitalists and the workers. He argued that the only way the workers could get justice was by revolution.

Many countries proved him wrong. Society evolved, and members of the "working class" found themselves able to make a better and better life for themselves, to the point where they were able to feel themselves fully a part of their society. I wonder if our society will have the flexibility, the caring and the simple humanity, to send the same way?

and the simple humanity to evolve in the same way?

Sense 'n Nonsense

Mayor Cavanagh says the sub-urbs are a white noose around Detroit. We'll bet he didn't mean that Detroit deserves hanging, but then, who knows?



## Plymouth Attorney Woes: Nonsense Wins Again!

than sense in the doings of the Plymouth City Commission — a situation that has existed for much too long. Perhaps it's time the voters looked into a rather perplexing problem . . . one that needs answering.

The big question is how car one group of men, elected to set the policies for the city govern-ment, drag their feet so long before making a decision and sec-ond how can Plymouth City Commission justify going out of the city to hire top men for the various administrative and legal po-

The most nonsensical action the most nonsensical action was taken Monday night when the Commission, with one dissenting vote and one member absent, went to Garden City to hire controversial Charles Lowe for City Attorney.

In effect what the Commis-sion has said is that there aren't any lawyers in the City capable of handling the city's legal af-fairs. We doubt that this is true. It would be our opinion that most of the lawyers in Plymouth—and there are plenty of good ones—wouldn't touch fine post with a 12-foot pole. The harassing tactics used in badgering Thomas Healy, who resigned effective a week ago, are well known to the mem-bers of the Plymouth legal pro

Perhaps the truth of the matis that the Commissioners, who can't seem to agree on any-thing, couldn't get together this time and then went outside of the community to approve a rec-ommendation of Mayor James Jabara of the Garden City attorney, who has offices in South-field.

field.

There isn't any question that
Lowe is a controversial figure.
He is a former Garden City
Mayor and City Clerk and was
defeated as a candidate for a
judgeship last fail. He was one
of the key witnesses in the muchpublicized case involving the site
purchase for the present Garden
City municipal building. The case
finally went to the Grand Juror.

It was Lowe who called the It was Lowel who called the attention of officials to some discrepancies in the land iteal. We aren't disputing the fact that Lowe is a respected member of the bar and an excellent lawyer, we are only calling attention to the fact that the City [Commission has hired a controversial figure and created additional controvers by going out of the city troversy by going out of the city for legal counsel.

It most certainly appears strange that the Commission hasn't been able to find a resi-dent of Plymouth for any of the top positions filled in the past three years.

Just to elaborate—the Commission went to Marysville, O., to hire City Manager Richard Blodgett, after having Kenneth Fisher, who also served as Police Chief and Director of Public Chief and Director of Public Safety, fill the position for al-most a year. Again we have no quarrel with the present City Manager but we do believe the Commission wasn't entirely right in the way it handled this situa-tion.

The Commissioners couldn find a City Clerk anywhere in the area or the state, they had to go all the way to Denver to hire Eu-gene Slider. Of course, the fact that he had served in Ann Arbor av have taken out some of the sting of the appointment. But then one wonders whether there

hen one wonders whether there wasn't someone in the City who could have qualified.

The Continussioners were unable to find a suitable candidate for Police Chief, following the resignation of Fisher, and once again went out of town to Flint to bring in Robert Corrington. It appears to be la good choice but it most certaintly has discouraged career policemen.

And now, the Commissioners couldn't agree on either of two candidates, Patrick Foley and J. Rusling Cutler, both city residents and taxpayers. Both are qualified, each is known to be an excellent lawyer and each would have liked the work. But the grass always appears to be green-er on the other side of the road as far as the City Commission is concerned.

Perhaps it might be wise to coint out to the Commission that here are persons in the City variable for these jobs and most would brefer to make a living in the city of their choice.

Then again, it might be smart for the Commission to explain the criteria upon which it makes its selections and why it deels it has to go out of the city to fill the vacancies.

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