

New Jersey Briefs

Edison Police 'Sick'

Police sergeants and detectives joined a contract-related sickout in Edison, leaving the township of 70,000 residents with only 15 of its 130 police officers reporting for duty.

"We wouldn't hesitate to go to state police" for help patrolling the community if the sickout continues, Chief William Fisher said.

On Monday, every patrolmen assigned to duty called in sick, leaving only superior officers on duty. The sergeants and detectives then joined the protest. The officers, represented by Local 75 of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, were protesting the township's offer of a 1 percent raise. The union has requested a 12 percent increase.

Chief Fisher said it was possible the sickout would be joined by lieutenants and captains, all of whom are represented by the P.B.A. Only Chief Fisher and his deputy will not be covered by the P.B.A. contract, the first to be negotiated by the union.

Complaint on Lawyer

A lawyer who compared Joanne Chesimard's murder trial to "legalized lynching" has been named in a complaint being investigated by a legal ethics committee. The lawyer, Lennox Hinds, executive director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers in New York, was informed of the complaint by David M. Foley, who serves on the Middlesex County Bar Association

ethics committee. The complaint involved Mr. Hinds's comments at a Jan. 20 news conference at which he called Mrs. Chesimard's trial on charges of slaying a state trooper "a kangaroo court" and "legalized lynching." Mr. Hinds also said that the trial judge, Theodore Appleby of Middlesex County Court, was insensitive to the racial issues in the case. Mrs. Chesimard is black and the slain trooper, Werner Foerster, was white.

Bar Inspector Indicted

Alphonso L. Santoro, 37 years old, of Beechwood in Ocean County, an inspector for the Division of Alcohol Beverage Control, has been indicted on charges of taking a fee from a Lakewood bar owner in return for faking a report. The director of criminal justice, Robert J. Del Tufo, said that Mr. Santoro would be suspended immediately from his job as senior inspector.

Mr. Del Tufo said that Mr. Santoro was accused of illegally accepting \$157 on Jan. 19 from Doris George, owner of George's Bar and Grill.

Escapee Arraigned

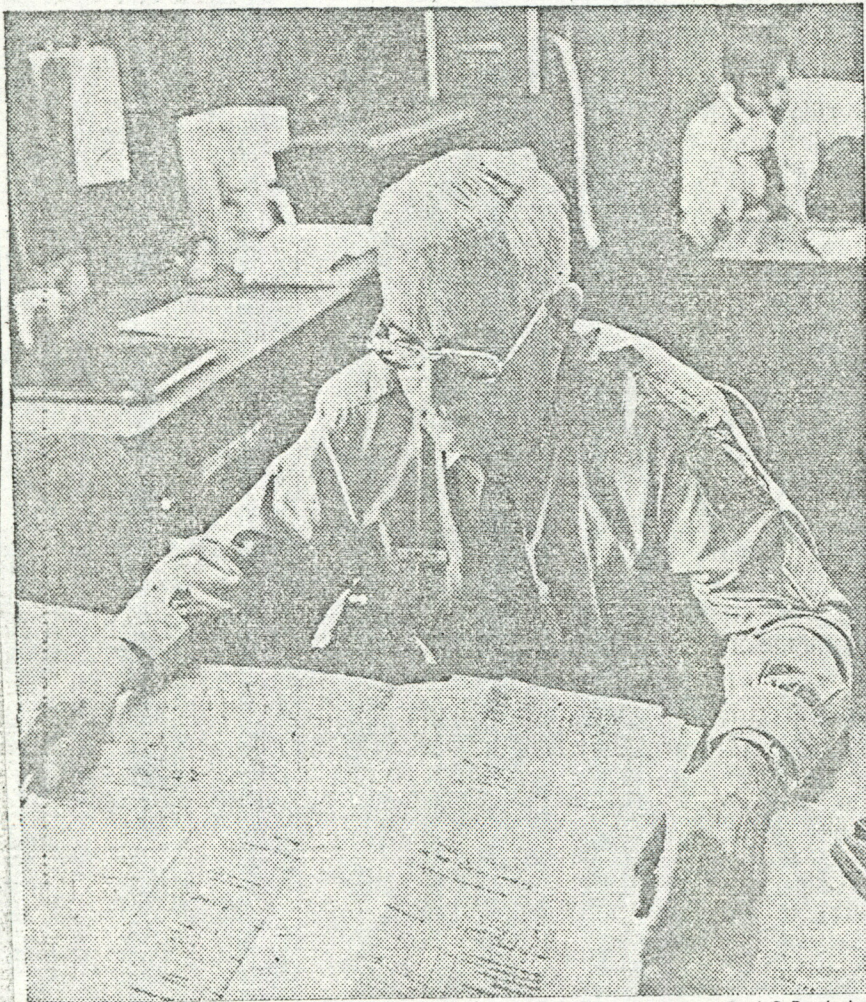
Raymond Alves, a 34-year-old convicted rapist who escaped from the Bergen County Jail Jan. 10 and was recaptured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last Saturday in Woodbridge, was arraigned on escape charges in Superior Court in Hackensack. A plea of not guilty was entered for Mr. Alves, who was then remanded to a maximum-security cell in the jail. He now awaits evaluation at the state's sex-offender treatment program at Avenel and eventual sentencing for raping a 16-year-old Clifton girl in February 1975. He was convicted of that crime on Dec. 22.

Green Acres Grant

The state announced a \$124,500 Green Acres grant to Rochelle Park to develop a park. The Department of Environmental Protection said the Bergen County town would match the state grant for the development of William Carlock Park.

A Correction

An item in the New Jersey Briefs yesterday said that the head of the Opticon Hearing Aid Company on Academy Street in Newark had lost his license under the state's consumer-fraud law. The correct name of the company is Academy Hearing Aid Centers of Newark and Livingston.



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Sgt. Daniel Miller checking off names of police officers calling in sick in Edison yesterday. Only 15 of 130 police officers reported for duty.