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FBI Silent About Reports On Bullet Gun Tests In King Slaying

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The FBI maintained a steadfast silence Thursday in the face of queries, rumors and reports about the gun and the bullet which killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here a week ago.

It refused comment on whether:

—Ballistics test matched the bullet with a rifle found near the scene.

—Firearms dealers in Birmingham, Ala., had been questioned about sales of Remington rifles.

Both reports have been published, but the FBI says they did not originate with its agents.

Shortly after King's assassination, police found 30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight one block away.

Guy Canipe, owner of an amusement company, told newsmen he saw a man drop a package in front of his store and drive away in a white automobile. He said he did not see the man's face.

"I looked down and saw the barrel of a gun sticking out of a package," he said.

The New York Post reported Thursday that the fatal bullet was so badly deformed on impact that the FBI was having difficulty determining if it was fired from the rifle Canipe saw discarded.

An unidentified Memphis ballistics technician was quoted here as saying the bullet was badly damaged when it struck bones in Dr. King's neck.

Meanwhile, negotiators continued efforts to settle the nine-week-old garbage strike, which brought King to Memphis. Although neither side issued statements, the Memphis Press-Scimitar said it learned that much of the dis-

cussion revolved around wages.

There has been no indication how the issues of union recognition and dues checkoff would be settled.

Frank Holloman, Memphis police director who said the morning after King's death that he was "optimistic" about the investigation, refused to comment Thursday.

"When I can make any comment without prejudicing the investigation, I will do so," he said.

King was struck by one bullet while standing on the

balcony of his motel. Police said the fatal bullet was fired from a bathroom window in a rooming house — within view of the motel balcony 205 feet away.

The killer was believed to have walked out of the rooming house, dropped the gun in front of Canipe's store next door and fled in a white Mustang.

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Why Not Tell All?

The federal government's handling of the search for the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is not reassuring.

There is no question of the FBI's urgent and diligent pursuit. Almost every resource of the government has been put to the task of identifying the assassin and bringing him to justice — every resource, except one — the public.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark and other officials have made confident statements. Their implication is that the prime suspect has been identified, at least by name. The suspect has been described and a composite picture of a lean white man has been circulated. Mr. Clark has said he is "on the run", and the trail has apparently lengthened quickly. There is evidence that the chase has reached into Mexico.

But these particulars certainly fall short of what the government must know about the suspect and his presence in Memphis. Why should anything of significance be withheld? The person who fired the fatal shot certainly knows that he is the object of search. He would not be helped by a greater degree of candor on the part of those in charge of the investigation.

On the contrary, a greater public knowledge of the object of the search could be a help in bringing it to a successful solution. The public has a vital interest in closing this case.

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Author Says Massive Re-Education Only Way To Ease Racial Problems

By JOHN GUERNSEY

Education Writer, The Oregonian

America should try to solve its racial problems by launching "a massive education program to re-educate the people," the author and chairman of the University of Chicago history department said in Portland Thursday.

"And in this case I mean the white people," John Hope Franklin added.

"Many of this nation's education programs for 100 years have been racist instruction, and the people must be re-educated."

Franklin spoke with professional precision but not with missionary fervor, when he said teen-agers and adults must be re-educated so they can shed the beliefs . . .

"That some races are superior and others inferior . . .

"That some people should be the beneficiaries of society and others should not . . .

"That some people are more equal than others."

High Priority Urged

He added the nation needs more far-reaching education programs—"to reach the lowest levels of society and teach them hope—not a craft. And make them aware they are part of America. Many hopeless people feel they are not."

Franklin would try to re-educate the public by having the federal government give the undertaking high priority



JOHN H. FRANKLIN

in the federal education efforts.

"And I believe the media—newspapers, TV and radio—might assume more responsibility in the re-education process.

"The media have done a thorough job of pointing up the problem—the riots, burning and killings—but I think could do more toward re-educating people in human values and relationships."

He would also re-educate via adult education courses.

Does he believe the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King will lead to more understanding and civil rights progress?

"I would hope it will."

But he added he does not believe "it should be necessary to assassinate a president or a great leader before civil rights and open housing bills can move through the Congress.

Book Controversial

"If it has to be this way, I believe it might indicate we live closer to the jungle than we like to believe, and we may run out of people to re-

the development of America than prior texts have included.

Some parents believe the book is Communist inspired and has a strong socialist flavor. Others contend it is an excellent text. The book is being used in the Portland school system, and school officials view it as a well balanced text.

Franklin notes that "this nation's most pressing problems involve race relations, and it would be out of order for a textbook to ignore the issue or put its head in the sand.

"Half of this nation's history is filled with slavery, and it is hard to understand how a text could be complete without giving ample coverage to race and race relations."

Franklin spoke at a press conference and later to the city's social studies teachers in the Benson High auditorium.

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Church Council Plans Program To Avert Summer Racial Strife

By MACK H. MEADS

Religion Editor, The Oregonian

A program primarily aimed at averting racial violence in Portland this summer was unveiled by the Greater Portland Council of Churches Thursday.

The Summer Crises Program, to cost an estimated \$50,000, will have as its target the Albina area, hippies and other alienated youths.

On May 5, tagged Summer Crises Sunday by council members, clergymen of all denominations in the Portland area will take to their pulpits to ask congregation support for the program. Offerings will be collected — 85 per cent of which will go to volunteer workers in predominantly Negro areas of the city.

Jobs Sought

Congregation members who are prospective employers will be asked to provide respectable jobs for the city's Negro citizens.

The Rev. John Jackson, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, will head the program.

He told some 200 clergy and laymen Thursday the program is a "matter of not letting a situation develop before deciding to do something about it." He described its need as urgent.

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Jessie Varner, director of the Church-Community Action program (C-CAP), commented on a portion of the program she will spearhead.

She described planned field trips for Albina-area children 3 to 12 years old to recreational facilities in the city and on bus tours to "acquaint Albina youngsters with their metropolitan surroundings to enable them to better identify with the total community."

She also announced recreation programs for youngsters in the low-cost Iris Court and Maple Mallory Court housing areas, where playfields are few and small. "If our program is to be effective in the total Portland area, we must involve the total Albina area," she said.

Play Areas Planned

A second phase of the program is the Summer Street Program, according to Colden Brown, teacher in the council's Operation Contact program, who will coordinate it.

Brown said the program wants to set aside a city block, to be closed to traffic five days a week from 10 a.m. until one hour after darkness, to provide a place for youth participation in games "of their own making."

He said the street program, subject to approval by residents facing a street not yet decided upon, is needed because of a lack of adequate park facilities in the area. Two full-time staff members in charge of over-all supervision, will be on duty at all times, he said.

He also announced plans for movies, theater, dances and music on the street nightly at 7:30 p.m. The street program has been scheduled to get under way May 31 with "big name entertainment."

The Summer Street Program will have four components:

- Liberation School, where special classes will be held daily at 10 a.m. to teach "Black History" to students 5-15 years old;

- Arts, with classes in ceramics, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, painting, printing and photography;

- Communications, for presentation by Negro youths

of one-act plays on a portable street stage.

- Recreation program, to organize and make facilities for various street games.

Total cost of the street program was set at \$23,300.

Brown said the program contemplates constructing a community mural, initially in-

volving 15 to 20 youths in a joint effort.

He said an effort is being made to use all existing community organizations and facilities for services and materials. All materials purchased for the Summer Street Program will be donated to the C-CAP school at the conclusion of the program.

A third phase of the council program will focus attention on Portland's "alienated" teen-agers. "We must provide a way out for youths who will be coming into Portland from out of town this summer," said Vern Weise, East-CAP director. He stressed the need to "keep in contact with these alienated youths," and established a means to minister to them.

Hub-CAP Director Robert Menvil, said it is vital to establish links between "these sick young people" and community resources. He said two workers will be designated to establish those links.

Commenting on the cost of the total program, Robert Nelson, Portland businessman appointed by the council to conduct research, said \$50,000 is a large sum only if business is considered to be more important to the church than people.

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State Congressmen Deplore King's Slaying

By HARRY BODINE

Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Oregon Congressmen deplored Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination Friday and openly worried what the after-effects might be.

Sen. Mark Hatfield termed Dr. King an eloquent advocate of nonviolence in a world often torn apart by violence and ill will.

"He saw clearly that violence abroad was in fact closely linked to the violence we suffer at home," Hatfield said.

"The issue he joined was this: just where do our priorities lie? Is it more important to kill Viet Cong in South Vietnam or to save the embittered poor in our own country? Is it more important to involve ourselves in a revolutionary war in Vietnam or to prevent a revolutionary war at home?"

"Our actions must be with the living," Hatfield said, "to meet their needs and to fulfill the legacy of Martin Luther King."

Sen. Wayne Morse had the duty of announcing the assassination to a business executives' dinner in New York City where he was making a speech on the ghetto.

"Martin Luther King was a great Christian and a great American, a man who lived the principles of Christ," Morse noted.

Fearful Cost Seen

King fell, a victim of the bullets of intolerance and racial bigotry, Morse noted. His death and its circumstances may prove to be one of the most costly tragedies the country has ever seen, he added.

Morse had a special reason for concern Friday afternoon as rioting erupted and one man was killed in the nation's capital.

As a member of the Senate's District of Columbia subcommittee, Oregon's senior senator shares the police responsibility Congress has for the capitol.

"We (the subcommittee) have been approached to call out the National Guard," Morse noted somberly over the telephone.

"I don't think they should be used unless it's absolutely essential," he said. "I don't think troops will have a pacifying effect."

"This is daylight," the senator added. "When night comes, no one knows what will happen." Congressional staffs were sent home early.

Rep. John Dellenback, reached in Reedsport on a swing through Southern Oregon, termed King's death a most saddening occurrence.

"What it really does," Dellenback said, "is to put America and our free society on trial."

"It puts us all on trial. Are we going to be calm or go off half-cocked?"

Dellenback felt the assassination might help the civil rights bill through the House of Representatives.

Congressman Wendell Wyatt, R-Ore., said Friday no one can condone the type of violence represented by King's death.

"It's a sad day in the history of our country when people resort to assassination in order to express their political views."

"It also illustrates the inherent danger in any kind of a mass organized demonstration, no matter how peaceful the intentions are of the people forming it," Wyatt noted.

"The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is a mistakenly tragic thing," second District Rep. Al Uhlman said.

King represented the great voice of moderate leadership of the Negro people, Uhlman noted. His death will shift leadership to the more radical side of the spectrum, he added, and the American people may well be witnessing severe repercussions in the cities.

"We cannot allow this to be an excuse for burning, looting and destruction," the Baker Democrat said. "We must maintain order in our cities."

Rep. Edith Green told The Oregonian late Friday she could see the fires in downtown Washington, D.C., from her apartment window in Virginia as she talked on the phone.

"The trip home normally takes 10 minutes. Today it took 1½ hours," Mrs. Green reported.

"I think America is really seeing the broken heart of its cities," she said.

The tragedy of Thursday in Memphis is equal to that of November, 1963, Mrs. Green felt.

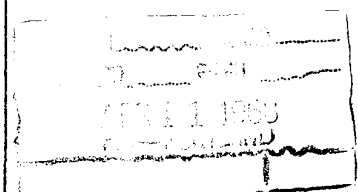
"It's heartbreaking to see a great man like Martin Luther King giving up his life when he has devoted it to bettering the lives of others," she said.

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Newly Arrived Refugee Says Castro Willing To Let Aged, Ailing Leave Cuba

By ROBERT OLMOS

Staff Writer, The Oregonian

"Fidel Castro does not care if the old and the ill leave Cuba. He probably would prefer that they leave. But he won't let the young out of the country. His dream of building a new Cuba depends on young people trained in communism," said Mrs. Violeta Rodriguez, 32, Cuban refugee starting a new life in Portland.

Mrs. Rodriguez, her husband Fulgencio, and three of their six children escaped from Cuba by boat in January, 1964.

In October, 1965, her husband made his way back to the island to help bring out Mrs. Rodriguez' parents and two Rodriguez boys.

Treatment Good

"But he was captured and imprisoned. He got a 30-year sentence. Many have been killed for trying to do what my husband tried to do — help people escape. Or they are imprisoned for long terms, which is considered a slow death," said Mrs. Rodriguez in an interview at the Dekum Building headquarters of Catholic Charities, the group which sponsored Mrs. Rodriguez and her family here.

Mrs. Rodriguez said she feared to leave Cuba despite the rationing, lack of food and clothing and lack of jobs that existed there.

"I was told by many that because of my color things would be worse in the United States. But I came and I have not regretted it so far. I was treated well in Miami. I hope it will be the same in Portland," she said.

The family's escape in 1964 to Miami was necessary because Rodriguez was being

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"I went to see my husband revolutionaries. He told me a

boat would be leaving soon and asked me if I wanted to come along. I said I would go with him. We had to leave two of the boys behind because they were ill and we feared persons aboard the little boat would catch the illness," Mrs. Rodriguez said.

"My parents can come out of Cuba. They are old and they are not needed by the boys behind. My oldest boy Luis is 15, and he is in the service. All boys have to go into the service at 15," she said.

Mrs. Rodriguez reported that jobs formerly done by adults — clerking in stores, office work, municipal chores — all are done "by the young Communists."

"There seem to be no jobs for the older people," she said.

"When we left Havana, it

was filling up with many Russians, Chinese and Congolese," she said.

Mrs. Rodriguez worked as a hotel maid to support her family after her husband was captured. She said she decided to move to Portland because employment and housing in Miami is getting hard to find in the Cuban community.

Living with Mrs. Rodriguez at 221 NW 18th Ave. are her son, Francisco, 13; daughters, Zoe, 10, Miriam, 6, and Marena, 2, and Mrs. Rodriguez' brother, Felix Cordero, 16.

The family is the latest of four to be sponsored here by the Resettlement Division of Catholic Charities since February.

Resettlement workers say about 600 Cuban refugees

have been resettled in Oregon in recent years.

Living at 1810 NW Everett St. is the Antonio Rodriguez family. The Rodriguezes have two youngsters, ages 12 and 15. In Cuba, Rodriguez was a land surveyor and his wife was a telephone company supervisor.

There are 12 members in the Efrain Gonzales family living at 2247 NW Irving St. — Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales and youngsters ranging in ages from 16 through 3.

Aramis and Haydee Guerra live with their daughter at 1517 NE 8th Ave.

Mrs. John Godfrey, resettlement worker with Catholic Charities, said the first order of business with the families is "to help them learn English."

Classes at Lincoln High School and special programs sponsored by the Red Cross and the YWCA help in that direction.

"And then," said Mrs. Godfrey, "we will have to find jobs for them. That will be a little more difficult. I'm afraid."



CUBAN REFUGEE Mrs. Violeta Rodriguez (left) pays visit to office of Mrs. John Godfrey, resettlement worker with Catholic Charities in Portland. Mrs. Rodriguez and her family are latest in new rush of refugee families to come to area.

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King's D.C. March Slated For Mid-May

ATLANTA (UPI) — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will conduct a "poor people's" march on Washington next month despite the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., organizer of the crusade. King's widow, Coretta, who will participate in the demonstration, Wednesday was named to the SCLC Board of Directors.

Plans now call for Mrs. King to participate in a delayed march on the nation's capital. The crusade her husband conceived was to have begun April 22 but now will be held in mid-May.

Mrs. King and Harry Belafonte, the Negro singer, were named to the board of the SCLC Board Chairman J. W. Lowery also announced that Dr. Ralph Abernathy, King's chief assistant, was routinely elected to succeed the slain civil rights leader as SCLC president.

What role Mrs. King will play in the Washington crusade was not revealed. It apparently has not yet been determined whether she will simply help plan the mass demonstration or will march as well.

Abernathy said the march will begin by the middle of next month. Its route will take it through Memphis, Tenn., where King was assassinated a week ago by a white sniper.

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Jeff High Negro Rebuttal Claims Whites Just As Guilty Of Racism

Four Negro students from Jefferson High School called for a change in school administration Wednesday and charged that white students are as guilty of racism as black students.

The Negro students are Donald Johnson, Rondal Wright and Verdell Adams, all seniors, and Thomas Hayden, a junior.

Accompanied by Ed Mitchell, director of the North Branch YMCA, the youths asked The Oregonian Wednesday for an opportunity to be heard after statements on the Jeff High situation by three white student leaders were published by The Oregonian Tuesday.

The white student group had requested interview time.

Mitchell said he wanted to comment on an allegation made in the Tuesday story. One white student said he believed that some adult Negroes, asked to come in to help maintain school order, were black power advocates.

Mitchell listed the participating adults and their organizations and said their actions had full backing of the school administration.

Adams, president of the Jeff Hi Lettermen's Club, admitted

there are Negro racists in the school.

"But," he said, "why talk about racism from one end? We should kick out the racists, sure. But let's do it on both sides."

"You should have seen some of the things that were written on the walls about Martin Luther King after he was killed."

Said Hayden: "Lots of times, what some white students say to your face and what they say behind your back are two different things."

Commenting on what had been termed a food-throwing incident in the school cafeteria last Friday, the Negro students said only paper was thrown. They said white students who could have helped control the situation were unduly panicky.

Johnson said that while there has been mention of Negro student and nonstudent unruliness on the Commercial Street side of the school, "You don't hear much about the white kids on the Kirby Street side. I've seen them drinking beer in parked cars, rolling dice on church steps, and I've seen them lift the hood up on a teacher's car and take out the ignition wires."

The students said they are calling for a stronger school administration, more Negro teachers as a means to better student-teacher contact, and fairer treatment of school incidents by the press.

"It seems like everything bad that happens in Jefferson is blown out of proportion, and the Negro students never get a fair shake," said Adams, who was a recent Exchange Club Boy of The Month award winner.

The black students denied a charge by one of the three student leaders that some student teachers from Reed College have advocated violence.

Wright declared: "The student teachers from Reed have gotten closer to us in a few weeks than the regular teachers who've been there 20 years."

"It's no new game, being shut out by the teacher. We've had that since grade school."

Adams said one teacher kicked a Negro student out for sleeping in class, not knowing he'd been up all night because a fire had burned his house.

"I've heard a teacher tell Negro students, 'When you prove yourself to us, then you can be a citizen,'" said Adams. "I don't have to prove anything. I was born a citizen."

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Atmosphere Cited

"There are good and bad students in each group," Johnson commented. "But it's the atmosphere in the school that makes the problem."

Johnson said marijuana cigarettes are smoked in the school. "I can take you there at 8 in the morning and show you thick cigarette smoke within 50 feet of the principal's office," he said.

"They keep telling us how they want the outside of the school kept pretty," said Hayden, "but it's inside where it needs the work. That's where it's really ugly, and we're being used as the scapegoats."

Wright said the administration "is not all bad. It's done a lot, like the student-faculty committee," but the administration has failed to gear itself to meet an urgent situation.

All four students had high praise for Mike Stipac, vice principal. "He always gives you a chance. He's willing to listen," Hayden said.

Mitchell, North Branch YMCA director, said the school administration is not at fault and that its "hands have been tied."

"I'm not here to whitewash these problems," he said. "They exist and they can be solved if they are brought out in the open and worked on by both sides, so that eventually both sides can be just one side."

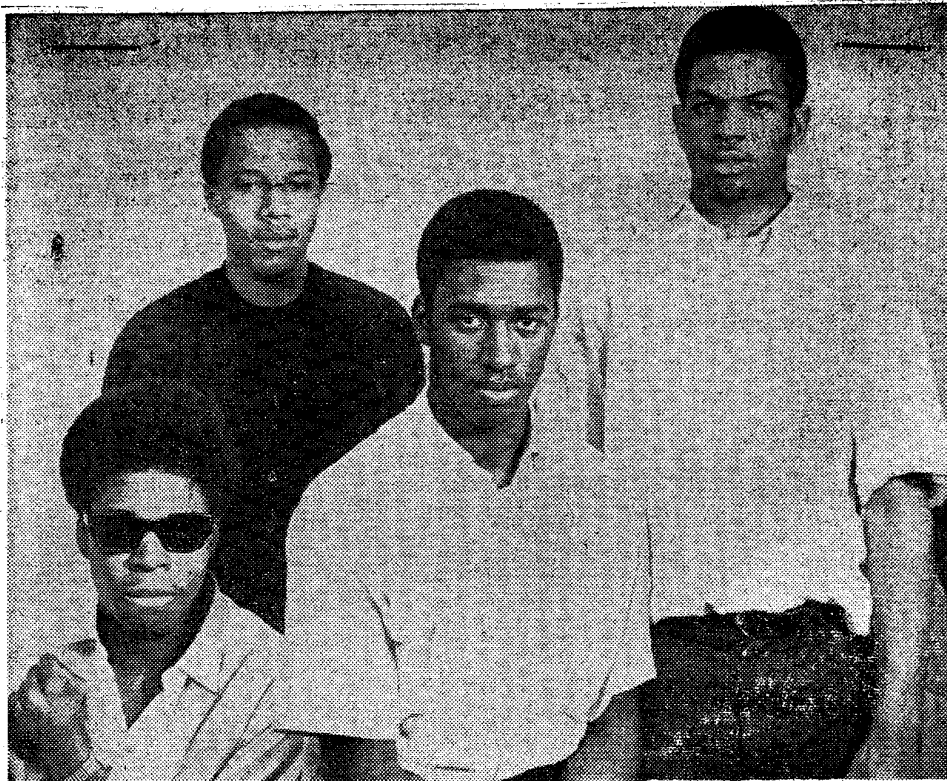
Adult Help Needed

"But we must have the support of the community — cooperation of the kids and help from more adults really interested in kids."

Mitchell indicated that the suggestion that some of the Negro adults called on to help calm the school were black power advocates "seems about as far-fetched as you can get."

He listed the members of that group, including himself, as Ira Mumford, Liz Shephard and Roscoe Anderson of the Neighborhood Service Center; Fred Markey, head of the Commission on Youth; Mayfield Webb, executive director of the Metropolitan Steering Committee; Nathan Probey, adult director of the 7 of Diamonds Teen Club; Rita Clinton of the Kaiser Foundation; and Tico Walton, assistant to the coordinator of economic opportunity on Gov. Tom McCall's staff.

"We cleared all our actions with the school administration before we took them," Mitchell said. "They praised our work at the end of the day."



DISCUSSERS of Jefferson High School race situation Wednesday were these Jeff High students (from left): Thomas Hay-

den, Donald Johnson, Rondal Wright and Verdell Adams. They replied to white student story in The Oregonian.

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Court Officials Oppose Jail For Troublemakers

Troubled conditions at Portland's Jefferson High School arise from a complex of difficult problems — and jail for youthful troublemakers, while an easy solution, is not necessarily a good solution.

This was the tempered reaction Wednesday by officials of Multnomah County's Juvenile Court and Juvenile Detention Home to reports quoting Police Chief Donald McNamara and Mayor Terry Schrunk.

Both Schrunk and McNamara were critical of juvenile authorities for what they consider too easy treatment of juvenile offenders.

Judge Expresses Views

Said Circuit Judge Harlow Lenon, who sits, along with three other judges, in Juvenile Court:

"This thing is as big a problem for us as it is for them. It's cold comfort for me to tell them at Jefferson to keep having officers arrest these troublemakers. But let us remember our alternatives are narrow in the court.

"If the youngster is 16 or older he can be remanded to adult court for prosecution on charges of either trespass or malicious mischief. Or we can send him to MacLaren School for Boys or we can send him home.

"In most cases the homes from which these youngsters come is not a positive influence."

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Some Children Remanded

"Now as to jail," Leron said, "a bit, boisterous 16-year-old of the type which is causing the Jeff disturbance is not qualified for the setup we have at the detention home; it was simply not designed for this type of custody."

"Let me say that we have sent a number of children to MacLaren and have remanded a number to adult court. Many of the troublemakers are MacLaren graduates."

"But if a child has no criminal record we consider it a serious step in assigning him to adult criminal proceedings, and the record this leaves."

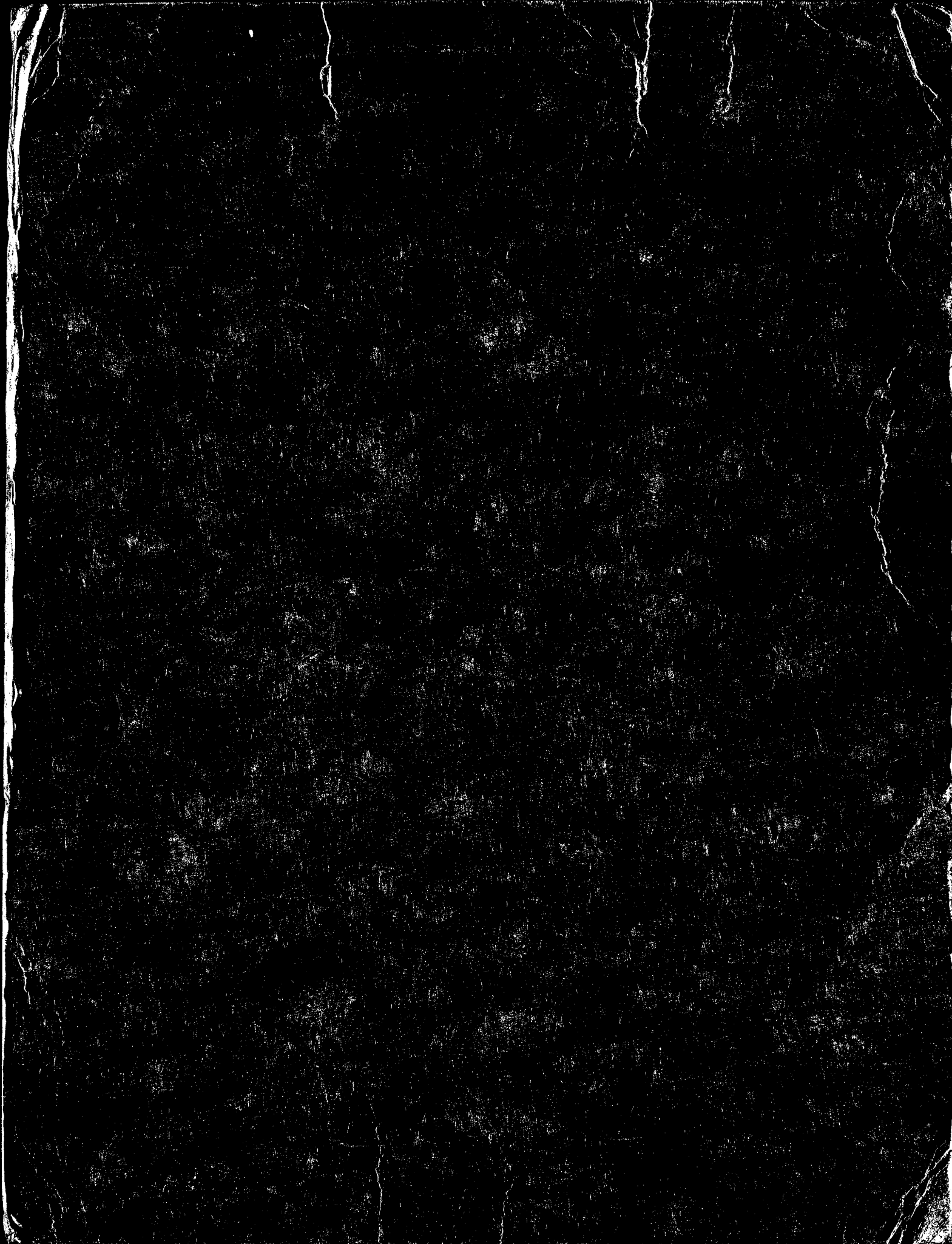
Albert Green, superintendent of the Donald E. Long Juvenile Home, said there is just no adequate program for these "in-between troublemakers."

"We are dealing with a hard core of perhaps 30 or 40 kids," he said. "For the most part they are members of hard core families. We do not have

a program which can meet and deal with this group.

"In my opinion we must devise a program which looks to other solutions than jail. I would say to Chief McNamara that we have been jailing people for a long time and our results haven't been conclusively good."

"I think we need a strong, vocationally oriented program for these youngsters. Remember when some of them go back to Jeff, it is because they have no other place to go."



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