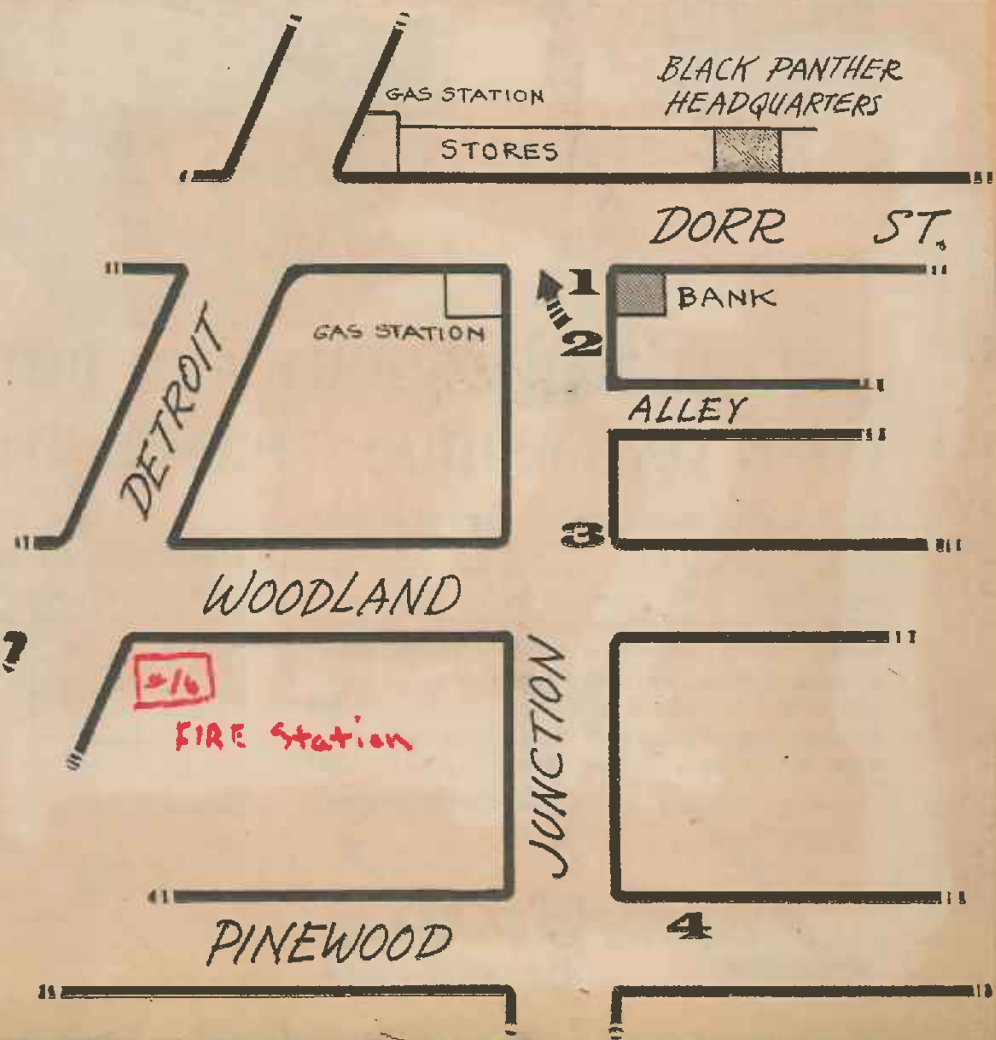






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RIOT-EQUIPPED OFFICERS WAIT TO ENTER BLACK PANTHER BUILDING
Dorr Street headquarters was source of sniping after patrolman was slain nearby



Scene Of Fatal Shooting

This was the scene of today's fatal shooting of Toledo Patrolman William Miscannon and subsequent shootout at the Black Panther headquarters, 1334 Dorr St.

At left, a police car turns at the rain-slicked intersection of Dorr and Junction Avenue just after the policeman was killed. The shooting occurred a few feet from the corner. The arrow points to the Panther headquarters.

The map at right shows the general area where police converged and where the exchanges of gunfire took place. No. 1 represents the patrol wagon, No. 2 the assailants' car, No. 3 the vice squad detectives' car, and No. 4 the spot where the suspect in the shooting was arrested. The arrow next to No. 2 indicates the direction in which the assailants' auto fled.

Civil Service Job Ruling Asked

Time For Promotion
Tests Is CSC Issue

A law department ruling as to legal requirements for the length of service necessary before police and firemen are eligible to take promotional examinations was requested today by the Civil Service Commission. 7-14-48

At a meeting yesterday afternoon, commission members were unable to determine whether local regulations requiring five and six years' service conflict with a state statute which provides that police and firemen may take promotional examinations after serving "at least 12 months" in the next lower grade.

Loophole Cited

Thomas Bretherton, commission member, pointed out that if there is a conflict the state statute takes precedence over local regulations. However, he believes there is no conflict because of the words "at least" in the state statute.

At present, patrolmen must serve five years from the date of their appointment before taking examinations for promotion to sergeant. Firemen must serve six years before being eligible for promotion to lieutenant, the next higher grade. The men are allowed to take examinations for further promotion after serving only one year in the next lower grade, however.

Handbook Accepted

Pending a decision by the law department, the commission decided to continue operating under the local regulations.

At the request of Fire Chief Patrick J. Daly, the commission agreed to accept a fire division "Handbook for Promotional Examinations" as the basis for technical knowledge in future examinations.

The 300-page book, compiled by Walter A. Ringger, deputy chief, contains 23 chapters, outlining standard procedure in fire fighting.

Toledo Patrolman Is Slain; Gun Battles Break Out At Black Panther Quarters

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'He Loved His Job,' Mrs. Miscannon Says After Return To Empty House

It was a chilling and empty day for Mrs. Joyce Miscannon. She was whisked this morning in a police cruiser to Mercy Hospital, where her husband, Bill, lay mortally wounded, shot in the head in the line of duty.

Now she was coming home to the brown brick house with the big porch at 720 Lorain St. in South Toledo. It was empty, and a light drizzle that fogged the city all night was still falling.

A neighbor woman, one of the Miscannon's closest friends on the block, met her at the sidewalk.

Still In Shock

Mrs. Miscannon stared blankly, still in shock and oblivious to the rain.

"He was so good, he was so damn good, Elsie," she sobbed to her neighbor. Her tears were nearly gone now, drained by a night of anguish.

William Albert Miscannon, a policeman for almost four years, was the father of four young children, three by a first marriage, and one by a second.

He and Joyce had no children.

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"He was the best damn cop in this whole damn world," his wife said.

"I know, Joyce," the neighbor said softly, patting Mrs. Miscannon's shoulder in a keep-your-chin-up sort of way.

"He loved his work, he loved his job," the policeman's wife sobbed.

Neighbors on Lorain Street described Patrolman Miscannon as a quiet, good man who always said "hello," but as one who "didn't neighbor much," and didn't discuss his police work.

'A Quiet Couple'

"They were just a quiet couple that minded their own business," one woman said. Another woman described the slain policeman as "a big, nice-looking fellow; tall, dark and handsome, I suppose."

Another neighbor close to the couple said the Miscannons had their telephone number changed recently because of crank calls.

The neighbor who said she supposed the calls came to Patrolman Miscannon "just because he was a policeman," would not allow her name to be used. "If you say anything nice about a policeman these days, you're in for trouble," she said.

Another neighbor across the street summed up the feelings of the area when she said of the killing, "I don't know how long we can depend on others to pro-

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A native of Rossford, Patrolman Miscannon was graduated in 1955 from Macomber High School. The 6 foot, 1 inch policeman had been a glassworker for Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. at Rossford for 10 years before his appointment to the police division Jan. 13, 1967.

Besides his wife, he leaves children, Kenneth, 12, Diana, 11, Brenda, 8, and Dennis, 4.

The body will be in the Sujkowski Mortuary.



PATROLMAN MISCANNON
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Suspect Caught, Charged After Police Chase

A Toledo patrolman was shot and killed at 1:38 a.m. today as he sat in his patrol wagon parked on Junction Avenue at Dorr Street.

Exchanges of gunfire followed for more than an hour between police and persons inside Black Panther Headquarters, 1354 Dorr, a half-block from the slaying scene.

A 25-year-old man arrested nearby was charged with first-degree murder. He was identified as John Melvin McClellan, who police said lived at 57 Port Lawrence Homes but gave the Panther headquarters as his address when booked in the city jail.

Shot In Head

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Five patrolmen reportedly were injured slightly during two separate incidents, one in the Safety Building preceding the gun battle, which ended at 3:15 a.m. These injuries occurred in scuffles which resulted in six arrests.

Two of those arrested in the scuffles also were injured, and two persons were shot later in the battle on Dorr Street.

Patrolman Miscannon was the only policeman hit by gunfire.

Youth Is Shot

A 16-year-old youth, identified as Troy Montgomery, of 510 Lucas St., was shot during the gun battle that followed the officer's death. The youth came out of Panther headquarters carrying a long gun and a bandolier of ammunition, police said.

Young Montgomery was listed in critical condition at Mercy Hospital, where he underwent surgery several hours after being wounded about 2 a.m.

Larry Joe McClellan, 21, of 1027 Buckingham St., brother of the murder suspect, suffered minor wounds from shotgun pellets as he left the Panther headquarters. He was treated at Mercy Hospital.

Several pellets broke the skin on his left hand and wrist, police reported.

Rushed To Hospital

Patrolman Miscannon, a policeman more than 3½ years, was married and the father of four children. He died a few minutes after being rushed to Mercy Hospital.

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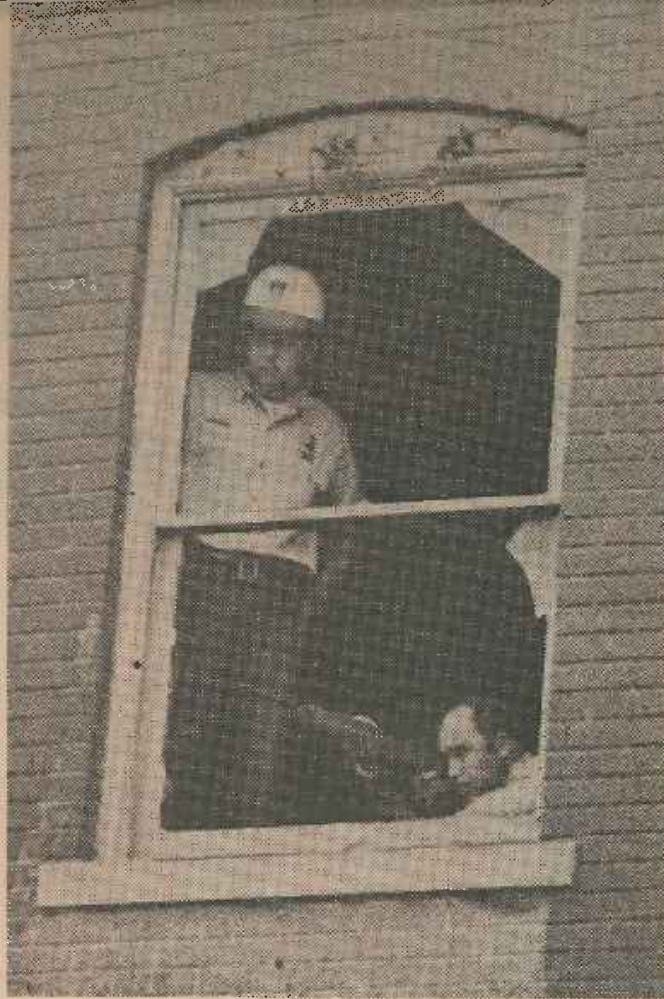
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Following a chase, they said, Mr. Dotson was caught and charged with having no operator's license, three counts of running stop signs, and resisting arrest.

Hurt In Scuffle

Patrolmen James P. Langendorfer and Robert L. Dietrich, the wagon crew that took Mr. Dotson to jail, were injured in a scuffle with the prisoner, police reported.

About 1½ hours later, at 11:30 p.m., desk Sgt. Fred Freer received a telephone call from a woman who identified herself as Mr. Dotson's mother.

The caller said that the Black Panthers has been contacted and that the Safety Building would be bombed if Mr. Dotson was not released immediately.

About 20 minutes later, a group of men and women came to the downtown building.

Police reports show that many members of the group, estimated previously at 12 to 30 in number, remained at the front desk, and others went upstairs to the detective bureau, demanding Mr. Dotson's release.

They were about to leave, the reports said, when one of the women shouted an obscenity at a policeman, and was arrested. Sergeant Freer said that this arrest led to a "lot of scuffling."

Coincidentally, this was occurring about midnight, when nine police crews were being relieved of duty and were just leaving the building.



PATROLMAN SHAW
Fired at killer

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Police arrested at least six other persons in the Dorr Street area in the hours following Patrolman Miscannon's murder. None apparently was connected with the shootings.

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Courtrooms Guarded After Judge Is Threatened

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What Can Be Done?

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But what can be done to solve these problems? Are there any solutions? Will we be able to swim in some of our streams again?

This coming Tuesday The Blade will publish a special section pollution containing the solutions to some of the problems, and what can be done in the future to avoid repeating the mistakes which created them.

Be sure you get your copy of this section. This coming Tuesday in The Blade.

other municipal courtrooms today after a reported telephone threat against the judge's life.

Two policemen escorted Judge Bame from his home to the Safety Building this morning, and a ring of uniformed and nonuniformed policemen cleared and searched his courtroom. The rooms were open only to those with court business, and they were searched before entering.

Ten uniformed policemen, four detectives, and a policewoman were assigned to overall court security, double the number of police normally used.

Ensign Says Curfew Remains Possibility

At a news conference this morning, Mayor Ensign reviewed the events surrounding the shootings. He also said that there were no immediate plans for imposing a curfew but that a curfew remained a possibility.



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The shooting, followed by an exchange of gunfire between police and persons inside nearby Black Panther headquarters, resulted in complaints by two police organizations of inadequate equipment.

Leaders of a number of Negro organizations held a closed meeting Friday night in what one spokesman described as an effort to help restore calm.

Chief Praises Victim

Police Chief Anthony Bosch called the murder "one of the most brutal, tragic, and unnecessary deaths imaginable. Patrolman Miscannon," he said, "was a very good officer, one who exemplified a true professional police officer. You just can't replace men like that."

Patrolman Miscannon died a few minutes after being shot once in the head and once in the chest as he sat in his patrol wagon parked on Junction Avenue at Dorr Street.

Police said a late model Cadillac with three occupants pulled up behind the patrol wagon. One man got out on each side and approached the patrol wagon.

The one on the curb side walked to the passenger's door, pulled a silver handgun from his pocket, and shot the patrolman twice at point-blank range.

3 Other Shots Believed Fired

Police said the gunman apparently fired three other shots, narrowly missing Patrolman Walter Shaw, driving the patrol wagon. They found two spent and damaged bullets inside the vehicle and two dents and a hole in the left door.

Following the shooting, one man got back into the Cadillac, which pulled around the police vehicle and sped off and has not been recovered. The gunman ran.

John Melvin McClellan, 25, arrested two blocks away, was charged with first degree murder. Other crews responding to Patrolman Shaw's call for help assisted in the arrest.

Police recovered a handgun several hours later behind a garage at 1333 Woodland Ave., a short distance from where the murder suspect was arrested. It contained five spent shells and one live round.

Bullets Being Tested

Tests are being made to determine whether bullets found in the patrol wagon match the weapon.

Within seconds after Patrolman Miscannon was shot, gunfire erupted from the Panther headquarters, 1334 Dorr St., a halfblock from the fatal shooting.

Police returned the fire, and shots were exchanged for more than an hour.

Troy Montgomery, 16, of 510 Lucas St., shot during the battle when, according to police, he came out of the Panther headquarters carrying a long gun and a bandolier, remained in serious condition Friday night at Mercy Hospital.

60 Officers Took Part

Patrolman Shaw was admitted to St. Charles Hospital for observation. He had been treated Friday morning for shock and then sent home, but apparently was still under strain as a result of the shooting.

City officials said Friday afternoon that about 60 policemen were involved in the incident. They said they did not know how many rounds had been expended

Fund Started

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A number of persons, including at least two women, came out of the Panther headquarters more than an hour after the shooting started. They were taken to the Safety Building for questioning.

A search of the headquarters Friday afternoon turned up three shotguns, two rifles, one a high powered magnum, a hunting knife, two dozen shotgun shells, and several pistol cartridges.

The search was hampered by the large amount of tear gas still in the building. Policemen could stay inside for only a few minutes at a time because their gas masks fogged up from the fumes and humidity.

Guns Illegal

Police said the three shotguns were 17, 16, and 13 inches long, and thus illegal under a federal

statute barring sawed-off weapons.

Also confiscated in the Friday afternoon search were a number of police radios, two typewriters, a portable television set, cameras, a hatchet, eight file cabinets, gun-cleaning kits, and several targets.

Heavy security remained in effect at the Safety Building, with visiting canceled for all prisoners in the men's and women's jail.

Mayor Ensign said late Friday afternoon that the situation had "about returned to normalcy," and that he hoped sightseers would stay away and "spend a quiet weekend with their families."

No Curfew Ordered

No curfew was established for Friday night and no extra policemen were called to duty. But Mr. Ensign said men were on alert and could be on duty within minutes if needed.

The Patrolman's Benevolent Association and the Fraternal Order of Police sought a meeting Friday with Safety Director Clifford Quinn and Police Chief Bosch to discuss complaints of inadequate equipment.

There was a report of a police carbine that misfired several times, and other complaints of having to wait for high-powered rifles at the scene and having to ask for more tear gas.

Mr. Quinn said that although the Friday meeting request was not granted, any complaints could be taken up through normal channels.

Chief Bosch said of the com-

plaints: "The men equipment." Mayor fused comment.

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Other Donations Planned

The Toledo Post of the can Legion voted Friday to a fund for Patrolman cannon's survivors. And spokesman for the Fa-Ba night club said all the club's proceeds Sept. 29 would go to the patrolman's family.

Besides his wife, Joyce, four children, Patrolman Miscannon is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miscannon, Sr., of Kansas City, Mo.; sister, Lillian, of Toledo; and brothers, Charles, Jr., Robert, Stephen, and Phillip, all of Kansas City.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Sujkowski Mortuary with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Toledo officer slain; gun battle ensues

From UPI and AP Dispatches

TOLEDO — A policeman was shot and killed at point-blank range in his patrol car early today.

Police said snipers then began firing from the local headquarters of the Black Panther Party.

Police surrounded the building and returned the fire.

Patrolman William Miscannon, 33, was shot fatally in the head by a man who approached his police cruiser in a black neighborhood. His partner, Walter Shaw, radioed for help.

Shaw said a Negro approached their car, said, "Hey baby, I've got something for you" and fired a pistol through a window into the officer's head. The assailant fled in a car.

John Melvin McClellan, 26,

of Toledo, was arrested later and charged with the murder of Miscannon.

THIRTY POLICEMEN converged on the scene, lobbed tear gas into the headquarters and flushed several persons from the building who scattered to firing positions in other buildings.

Two persons were shot and wounded as they fled, according to police, and a third was arrested at the scene.

Others remained in the building, firing.

Police said they were uncertain how many were in the building, which was surrounded by police cruisers, searchlights and police armed with rifles.

The lights, however, were shattered by bullets.

A black youth, Troy Montgomery, 16, was shot as he stood on a sidewalk near where Miscannon was killed. He was carrying a shotgun and wearing a cartridge bandolier, police said.

Montgomery was in serious condition in Mercy Hospital with multiple bullet wounds.

Miscannon, a three-year veteran of the force, was married and the father of four children.

SHORTLY before midnight Thursday about 20 Negroes wearing Black Panther emblems turned up at police

headquarters demanding the release of James Dotson.

Police said Dotson was jailed Wednesday night for resisting arrest when traffic warrants were served on him.

Police started to arrest a woman in the group for using abusive language when a fist-fight broke out. Four adults and two juveniles were arrested and the others fled.

Police reported the Panthers had threatened to bomb the police station earlier in the day unless Dotson was released.

Police Chief Anthony Bosch, however, said he did not believe the Dotson incident prompted the shooting of Miscannon. The snipers, he said, "just took advantage of a situation."

Killing of Policeman Ignites Toledo Battle

TOLEDO—A white policeman was shot to death at point-blank range Friday, touching off a six-hour gun battle between police and men firing from inside and near a Black Panther headquarters.

Two persons were wounded and one was arrested on a murder charge.

Police searched the headquarters after firing in bullets and tear gas, but found no one. They confiscated two rifles, a shotgun and ammunitions, was later apprehended dynamite.

THE GUN BATTLE, the nation's second this week between police and black militants, erupted after Patrolman William Miscannon, 33, a father of four, was shot to death as he sat in his patrol car near the Toledo Black Panther office.

Walter Shaw, his Negro partner, said a Negro man got out of a car, walked to the squad car and announced:



Miscannon



Shaw

"Hey baby, I've got something for you." Then he shot Miscannon in the head.

Shaw, who was not hit, was taken to a hospital and treated for shock.

John McClellan, 25, who has a record of narcotics violations, was later apprehended near the scene and charged with first-degree murder. His case was continued until next Thursday.

Police said that when they arrived on the scene, a sniper was firing from the vicinity of the Panther headquarters in the Dorr St.-Detroit Ave. neighborhood.

Police surrounded the head-

quarters with men and cars and brought up floodlights.

POLICE SAID McClellan's brother, Larry, 21, was shot in the hand and Troy Montgomery, 16, was wounded critically in the hip and groin as they left the Panther headquarters. A number of persons fled the building during the shoot-out, and some took up firing positions nearby, police said.

Two hours before Miscannon was slain, about 20 Negroes wearing Black Panther emblems had gone to police headquarters to demand the release of a man jailed for resisting arrest. A fight broke out when police arrested a woman for using abusive language.

Five officers were injured and police arrested six persons. Others in the group fled.

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Slaying Stirs Battle In Toledo

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across the country this year in unprovoked assaults, and in Washington, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana and other senators deplored assaults on police in speeches Thursday.

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Parsell links Toledo case to 1-man cars

Citing the slaying of a Toledo patrolman, the president of the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) has renewed a demand that Detroit end its practice of using one-man patrol cars.

Carl Parsell said the Toledo shooting "is another tragic case of murder in cold blood.

"It is ironic that just a few weeks ago, the Toledo police department discontinued all one-man police cars working at night," Parsell said.

"We will renew our demand that Commissioner (Patrick) Murphy consider the safety of the police officers of Detroit and discontinue one-man operations before a Detroit police officer is killed in the same manner."

IN TOLEDO, Patrolman William A. Miscannon, 33,

was shot to death at 1:38 a.m. yesterday at the corner of Dorr and Junction.

Miscannon, who is white, was in a patrol wagon with a black officer, Patrolman Walter Shaw.

A black man, John McClellan, 25, of Toledo, was arrested within minutes of the shooting and is charged with Miscannon's murder.

Toledo Safety Director Clifford Quinn said a brief exchange of gunfire between police and snipers in the Black Panther headquarters, 1334 Dorr, broke out after the officer was killed.

McCLELLAN'S brother, Larry, 21, was struck in the left hand by shotgun pellets in front of the building.

A 16-year-old boy, Troy Montgomery, who reportedly emerged from the building

about the same time was wounded and is in critical condition in a Toledo hospital.

Police said there was a rapid exchange of gunfire at the time and it is unknown how Larry McClellan and the boy were shot.

Police later entered the building and found it empty. However, police said they found several rifles and shotguns and a stick of dynamite in the building.

Michael Cross, who described himself as chairman of the steering committee of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, which he called the organizing bureau of the Black Panthers, was arrested.

Cross was accused of possession of explosives and violation of Toledo's long gun ordinances.

MISCANNON was the father of four children. He joined the force Jan. 13, 1967.

He was the latest of more than a dozen policemen killed this year in unprovoked assaults, according to an Associated Press survey.

Other attacks have occurred in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Berkeley, Calif., New York, Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, Montgomery, Ala., St. Paul, San Jose, Calif.; and Omaha.

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Words, Fears and Hates Turn Into Toledo Ghetto Shoot-Out

BY HOWARD KOHN
Free Press Staff Writer

TOLEDO — Last Thursday Toledo police were ordered to arrest anyone who yelled "pig" or "oinked" at them, under a city ordinance that prohibits verbal abuse of policemen.

Less than 24 hours later, a Toledo policeman was dead, shot at point-blank range while staking out the headquarters house of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, the Black Panther organizing arm. A few minutes later police opened fire on the Panther house.

TOLEDO thus joined a growing list of cities in which violence between police and Panthers has recently erupted.

Observers here say Panther-police relations in the past six months have gone from ideological hostility to personal venom. And, they say, each side blames the other when one of its own is harassed or attacked.

When the Panthers first organized in Toledo two years ago, they spent several months working with the city council trying to correct racial problems in the city's southwest district — Toledo's black ghetto. Most of their proposals were denied.

What the Panthers especially wanted, and what they never got, was a measure of community control over police patrols in the ghetto.

So they started their own police-watching system.

Armed with rifles and shot-guns, they followed and watched police cruisers on duty. Although there were few complaints of Panther interference, police bitterly protested the Panthers' right to carry loaded guns.

Last spring the city council outlawed the practice.

The Panthers saw the anti-gun ordinance as a personal attack. Reports of harassment and abuse by both police and Panthers increased noticeably this summer.

Still, there were no outbreaks of violence between the two sides.

Then last week the Toledo mayor and city council, reacting to the Panther rhetoric of "Kill the pigs" and to the murders of policemen in other cities, told the police department to crack down on verbal abuse.

The Panthers saw the move as a thinly veiled excuse to arrest them.

"Who started the name-calling?" demanded one Panther on Friday. "Who called us 'niggers' first? Why don't they make THAT illegal?"

BOTH POLICE and Panthers agree that tension between the two was high Thursday, partially because of the new policy.

When Panther James Dotson, 22, was arrested Thursday afternoon for running stop signs and resisting arrest, several Panthers accompanied a few of his relatives to police headquarters and demanded his release.

A fight started in headquarters when one of the women screamed "pig" at the desk sergeant. Five people, two of them Panthers, were arrested for shouting "pig" and resisting arrest. One policeman broke his hand when he slugged a Panther.

Expecting more trouble, police kept a constant watch on

the Panther house that night. At 1:38 a.m. in the morning Patrolman William Miscanoni, 33, was killed by a man who fired through an open patrol car window.

POLICE ARRESTED John McClellan, 25, a few minutes later. Police said he gave the Panther house as his address.

Police immediately riddled the Panther house with bullets and tear gas, injuring two young Panthers, one critically.

Police entered the house at daybreak and found several weapons but no people inside. Michael Cross, 26, the Panther deputy minister of defense who was forced to inspect the building with police because they feared booby traps, was later arrested for possession of the illegal arms police found inside.

On Friday and Saturday the streets here appeared normal — people shopping downtown and kids playing basketball on the ghetto pavement.

But police kept their doors at headquarters tightly locked, allowing only people with proper credentials inside. And the Panthers vowed to free their jailed members by whatever means necessary.

Miscannon Fund Committee Is Appointed

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A five-member committee has been appointed by Mayor Ensign to administer the fund established for the family of slain Patrolman William A. Miscannon.

Charles McKelvy, Jr., president of First National Bank, was named chairman of the group. Other members are R. Martin Galvin, attorney, Patrolman Frank Calipetro, of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; Sgt. Henry Reuss, of the Fraternal Order of Police, and Lt. Walter Scoble, of the Command Officers Association.

The mayor set up the Officer Miscannon Fund last Friday after the patrolman was fatally shot while on duty. Contributions had reached \$2,000 Tuesday.

Some Crimes Stand Out In Pages Of The Blade

Through the years, several crimes stand out as being particularly memorable in the history of the Toledo area.

1. Joe Urbaytis and the Post Office Robbery, Feb. 17, 1921.
2. The Toledo Clubber, 1925-26.
3. The Licavoli Gang, 1930-34.
4. Pretty Boy Floyd and the shootout in Bowling Green, April, 13, 1931.
5. The Harry Campbell-Sheriff O'Reilly Scandal, May, 1936.
6. The Slaying of Patrolman William A. Miscannon, Sept. 18, 1970.
7. The Bell & Beckwith fraud, Feb. 4, 1983.

The post office robbery was sensational mostly because of the size of the loot, estimated at \$1.6 million in cash, stocks, and bonds. Catching the crooks was easy. One kept a handkerchief over his mouth. This had to be Charles (Split Lip) Schultz. The others were his friends.

The bandits kept the cash but passed the stocks and bonds out among friends and neighbors. These people basically were law-abiding citizens, and, when police caught them with the loot, they couldn't wait to tell where and how they got it.

Urbaytis escaped from the county jail here, was captured in Columbus in May, 1924, and served time until paroled from Alcatraz in 1943. He returned to Toledo something of a celebrity, but was shot to death on Nov. 5, 1946, as he entered the Bon-Aire Supper Club for reasons unknown. A 69-year-old ex-convict pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the case, but maintained he was doing it only because he was afraid of being framed for murder.

The Toledo Clubber roamed the streets of Toledo between May 24, 1925, and October 25, 1926, and during that time he was accused of clubbing four women to death and severely beating seven more.

Many arrests were made, but there never was enough evidence to bring anyone to trial. In May of 1928, Charles Hoppe admitted taking a 7-year-old girl from her home and killing her with blows to the head with his fists. He died in the electric chair. While there was little reason to believe he was the clubber, it seemed to give a lot of Toledoans comfort to think that he was.

The glamour criminals of the 20s and 30s were the bank raiders. They traveled the country armed with sub-machine guns and a willingness to

kill. They were the terrorists of their day.

Such operations required friendly urban areas in which criminals could sojourn between jobs. This meant places where there were people willing to rent rooms, buy cars, and find girls for them. Toledo was such a town.

Floyd, his associate, Billy-the-Killer Miller, and Alvin Karpis and his associate, Harry Campbell, spent a great deal of time here. As a matter of fact, Campbell even registered to vote here under the name Bob Miller.

Normally the bandits kept their peace in the Toledo area, but Floyd elected to ignore this. He hit a bank in Sylvania and another in Whitehouse. He was recognized at both places, and, when he and Miller showed up in Bowling Green with two girls on April 13, 1931, their presence was reported to Police Chief Carl (Shorty) Galliher by merchants.

The chief and Patrolman Ralph L. Castner trailed the foursome to a place where they believed the public would not be endangered, and then ordered them to halt. Miller and Floyd pulled pistols and started shooting. When it was all over, Miller was dead, one girl was wounded, and Patrolman Castner was fatally injured. Floyd escaped, and was killed on Oct. 22, 1934, by G-Men near East Liverpool, O.

Because of the inability of local police to handle the bank raiders, the FBI formed an elite organization to chase them down. In one of their first public appearances in Toledo, they moved in on Harry Campbell at 2132 Monroe St. and took him without a fight.

Karpis was captured in New Orleans on May 1, 1936, a week before Campbell was picked up. He pleaded guilty to the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., of St. Paul, and drew a 25-year sentence. He was paroled in January of 1969. Campbell drew a life sentence for his part in the kidnapping of Edward Bremer in St. Paul.

The real bomb as far as Toledo was concerned came when it was learned that Campbell and Sheriff James O'Reilly had been friends and drinking companions for the past five months, and that the sheriff, a dog fancier, had either given him or sold him two Scotties. The sheriff managed to ride out the storm that followed, but his life was never the same.

EVENTS

Memorial ride to fund scholarships, remember fallen officers

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By Mo Sheahan, Toledo Free Press Staff Writer

Diane Miscannon said bikers have “the biggest hearts on the face of the earth.”

On July 13, the biking community will rally for the annual Detective Keith Dressel Memorial Ride. The bikers will depart from Oscar Bunch UAW/GM Powertrain Park in Toledo. The event aims to raise funds for the Officer William Miscannon Scholarship Fund in Memory of Keith Dressel at Owens Community College while honoring two deceased members of the Toledo Police Department.

Dressel was shot and killed while trying to stop a drug deal in February 2007 and Miscannon, Diane’s father, was shot and killed during a riot in 1970.

While the ride was established to honor Dressel and Miscannon, both families said the event is also a celebration.

“It’s a big party, a reunion of sorts,” said Diane, who was 10 when her father died.

“I get to hear about my dad from people that knew



him, and that helps honor his memory,” she added.

Lorraine Dressel, Keith’s mother, said the best part of the ride is Keith being remembered.

“That’s a worry you have, that all the good will be forgotten, but he’s being remembered and [the ride is] doing good,” she said.

Lorraine said she appreciates the opportunity for Keith’s children, stepdaughter Sydney and son Noah, to hear about their father.

“They were so young when Keith died. The ride is great for them to see all of the support they have and learn about their dad,” she said.

Sydney, now 12, and Noah, 10, usually ride as passengers or in sidecars on the motorcycles of officers.

Each year, a police escort leads an average of 300 riders through the Toledo area. After the ride, the group gathers for lunch at the park. While the course and distance varies, the ride always goes past Ontario Street in Toledo’s North End where Keith was shot.

“The neighborhood is out in support, waving flags, cheering. Some wear shirts with Keith’s name on them. They are all very respectful. It’s touching,” Miscannon said.

All funds raised from the ride go to the scholarship fund started at Owens Community College to recognize Dressel and Miscannon. Established in 2008, the scholarship is awarded annually to one outstanding law enforcement student at the college. To apply for the \$1,500 award, students complete an essay application.

Now in its seventh year, the ride was first planned by friends and colleagues of Dressel in the months following his death.

Oregon Police Officer Sara Shaw said the ride gave a way for the community to mourn Dressel, the first TPD member to

Diane Miscannon, left, and Lorraine Dressel participate in the annual memorial ride. Toledo Free Press Photo by Mo Sheahan.

die in the line of duty in more than 30 years.

“It was very surreal for the community to lose an officer again,” said Shaw, who helps organize the memorial ride.

The community is what makes the ride so special, Shaw said.

“It’s not just about Keith and William. It’s a way to support all of the officers who have lost their lives. It’s about honoring this profession. As much as this job takes up your life, it brings us all together, too.”

Lorraine said the support of the police community helps her family cope with Keith’s death.

“It’s neat to see the way the guys in blue support each other,” she said.

“It’s like great big wings came over and just scooped your family up. They took care of us. Still do.”

All community members are invited and encouraged to participate in the annual memorial ride. Motorcycles are the most common vehicle, but Lorraine said many ride scooters or other smaller, motorized bikes

Registration is \$25 per individual or \$35 for a rider and passenger, and can be completed at www.rideforkeith.com, or starting at 9 a.m. July 13 at Oscar Bunch UAW/GM Powertrain Park, 5411 Jackman Road. Participants receive a T-shirt and lunch.

Visit www.rideforkeith.com to learn more.

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