

# Buffin quits shore job in bitter fight

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LONG BRANCH — Repeating a pattern he set in Trenton in 1970, veteran law enforcement official John M. Buffin, 61, has turned in his resignation as public safety director here in the midst of a bitter dispute.

Buffin's resignation from the Long Branch position had been sought by community blacks since the Dec. 8 shooting by a policeman of the son of the Monmouth County Community Action Program director. The public safety director had defended the policeman involved in the shooting, who went on trial for manslaughter yesterday, and had also defended his

department's use of hollow-point bullets.

"The resignation was handed in for personal reasons," Buffin said today. "That's all I will say."

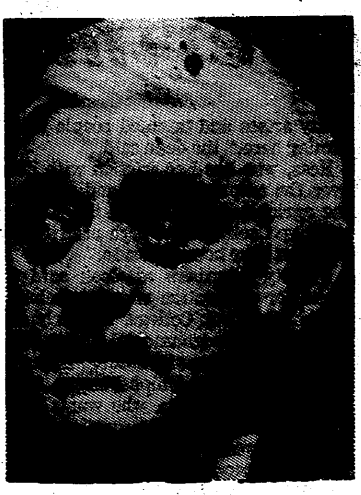
The Trenton native's law enforcement career has been marked by resignations and threats to quit since he retired as deputy superintendent of the State Police in 1968 after 30 years service.

In March of 1969, Buffin was appointed public safety director of Trenton, even though he lived in Hamilton Township. He drafted a letter of resignation to former Mayor Carmen J. Armenti later that year, after the Trenton city council refused to repeal a residency law.

"I'll turn in my resignation," Buffin said, "the first day they fire a cop who lives in the suburbs."

He was appointed public safety director in Long Branch in April of 1971. Five months later, Buffin was threatening to resign from his new post, charging that Long Branch's city council, which had formed a civilian panel to investigate his department, was conducting what he called a "kangaroo court" and "interfering with normal police functions."

By 1974, Buffin had apparently set-



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led comfortably into his new job. "Politics can really be frustrating in a job like this," he said in an interview with the Times Newspapers, "but so far things have been good here."

Buffin would not confirm today that he resigned over the investigation and trial involving the patrolman, John F. Adams, who has been charged with manslaughter in the shooting of Wilbert S. Russell Jr. Russell's father, Wilbert S. Russell Sr., when told of the resignation, said, "It's too bad he didn't resign four years ago when he was hired. But that's some good news."

# Police extra shift boycott threatened

**By BRADLEY GRAHAM**  
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Trenton police today threatened not to work an extra night back-up shift, which Mayor Arthur Holland said yesterday he was thinking of eliminating, even before the administration decides whether to phase the shift out.

A mass refusal to report for the 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. duty could seriously weaken the patrol force at the peak crime hours of the summer, police say. But cops say the action may be necessary to persuade city officials and the citizenry of the need for the late-night assignments.

Holland was scheduled to meet with Police Chief John Prihoda and Public Safety Director Howard Waldron this afternoon to consider cutting the extra shift in an effort to pare police overtime costs, which this year appear likely to top \$600,000. According to an administration report, the police department already has exhausted 93 percent of the \$293,000 allotted in the city budget for overtime.

Since 1971, when the backup shift was instituted to protect night patrolmen with unmarked cars, the city has underbudgeted the overtime account, expecting to make up for overruns with surpluses from other accounts. Last year, however, the City Council was forced to approve an emergency appropriation.

This year, faced with the loss of \$2 million in state aid and law suits from the school board, administration officials say they can no longer afford extra pay for the cops.

"All overtime is voluntary," said Thomas Murphy, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association local. "If the men stop volunteering all at one time, which some of them are talking about, maybe the citizens and merchants will give Mayor Holland the same answer they gave to Mayor Beame in New York."

Murphy said he wasn't predicting any walkout would take place, but merely that it is "an avenue of escape" some union members are considering.

The mayor is likely to have a difficult time persuading the chief to cut out the backup shift or otherwise trim overtime costs. Prihoda said today he believes the extra time cops put in is necessary, and he cited Trenton's crime figures, which are below the national average, to prove his point.

On the average, each city cop makes about \$3,000 a year, above his regular salary in overtime, holiday pay and clothing allowances. Some earn more than the director himself due to the extra hours they work.

Administration officials were hoping to cut these costs this year by implementing organizational shifts recommended by the International Association of the Chiefs of Police, including a regular fourth shift in place of the extra backup shift. But the police division is down 15 men and, without the manpower, many of the changes have not been achieved.

# Mountainview residents win their anti-townhouse battle

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Mountainview residents of Ewing Township last night won their battle to keep townhouses out of their neighborhood as the Ewing Township Zoning Board rejected the Excelsior Construction company's bid to build 280 units on Bear Tavern Road.

However, immediately after the board's denial of Excelsior's request for a variance, its attorney, E. Sheldon Cohen, said he would appeal the decision to Mercer County court.

"We feel the zoning board has bowed to the will of a very small seg-

ment of our community," Cohen said. He said the board did "A disservice to the great majority of our community."

The board's decision came as no surprise to some observers. Cohen had based his case on the proposition that the township needed low and moderate-cost housing which families could own rather than just rent.

However, several weeks ago, the zoning board chairman, Harold J. Kilcoyne, said he believed Ewing Township already had a fair distribution of housing in the township.

The board last night presented 12 "statements of fact" in addition to

# Third world 'extortion' spurs Kissinger blast

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Accusing developing nations of extortion by "confrontation . . . lopsided, loaded voting, biased results and arbitrary tactics," Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger says the "third world" countries are undermining the United Nations.

Kissinger sounded the warning, one of his sternest, last night on a campaign-style swing through the Midwest to build support at home for the Ford administration's foreign policy. He spoke to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Institute of World Affairs.

The secretary, accompanied by his wife, Nancy, meets in Minneapolis, Minn., today with educators, businessmen and civic leaders; addresses a meeting of the Upper Midwest Council, a regional research institution; and holds a news conference. He returns to Milwaukee tonight to throw out the first baseball at the major league All-Star game.

As Kissinger spoke to the Institute of World Affairs, a dozen demonstrators in Nazi-style uniforms picketed across the street from his hotel, carrying anti-Semitic signs directed

at Kissinger, who is a Jew.

In his speech and in reply to questions afterward from the audience, Kissinger said:

—The United States is "prepared to have serious exchanges with Cuba on the basis of reciprocity . . ." He did not elaborate, but did describe recent Cuban gestures toward the United States as "mostly atmospheric."

—The administration is determined to bring about settlements in the Middle East, Cyprus and other areas of dispute because local conflicts led to two world wars and "we must not have a third; with modern weapons there would not be a fourth."

—The administration is intent on placing a long-term ceiling on strategic weapons because "political inhibitions are crumbling" and "nuclear catastrophe . . . is no longer implausible."

In some of his strongest criticism of nonaligned nations, Kissinger said "bloc politics" has become an increasingly serious problem at the United Nations.

"In the process," Kissinger warned, "a forum for accommodation has been transformed into a setting for confrontation . . ."

"Never before have the industrialized nations been more ready to deal with the problems of development in a constructive spirit. Yet lopsided, loaded voting, biased results and arbitrary tactics threaten to destroy these possibilities," Kissinger said.

Kissinger said smaller members of the organization would "lose the

most" if such voting patterns continue because "larger powers such as the United States . . . can prosper within or outside the U.N. institution"

"The coerced are under no compulsion to submit," Kissinger added. "To the contrary, they are given all too many incentives to simply depart the scene, to have done with the pretense."

# Governor OKs private garage re-test on autos

A plan for reinspection of New Jersey autos at private garages has passed final muster with Gov. Brendan T. Byrne.

Byrne's office announced he will sign legislation tomorrow allowing commercial garages to recheck cars that fail state inspection.

The Motor Vehicle Division has said it will take about four months to license garages to perform the inspections. Motorists still will be able to take their cars back to the state inspection station for the second checkup if they prefer.

The legislation was advocated by Motor Vehicles Director John A. Waddington to stave off lengthening lines at inspection stations.

The Department of Environmental Protection said this spring it would have to push back an Aug. 1 deadline for tighter emission controls to allow the new system to get started. A spokesman said recently, however, that no final decision had been made about postponing the strict pollution controls.

# Japan dumps 283 tons of antiseptic lemons

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — A 299-ton freighter has steamed out of this central Japanese port to dump into the Pacific 283 tons of American lemons treated with an antiseptic outlawed in Japan, maritime officials reported today.

# W. Windsor joins fight for sewer aid

**By MIRANDA LORRAINE**  
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West Windsor Mayor Richard Walter will join forces with the leaders of the six other municipalities in the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority to fight for promised state funds for sewer line construction.

The move, announced by Mayor Walter at last night's township meeting, followed the Department of Community Affairs release of a report on the secondary impact of sewers. It recommends no state aid for sewer systems. The township had expected the state to pay 15 percent.

The year-long study by department's Division of Regional Planning claimed that a total of 90 percent federal-state funding killed municipalities' incentive to keep down sewer system construction costs.

Walter said the mayors would be sending a letter to the Department of Community Affairs saying "We need that money." Even with state funds the sewers, which will link the township with Stony Brook's interceptor lines, will cost West Windsor \$6 million.

On another waste disposal matter,

the township committee voted \$35,000 to acquire 2.2 acres on Alexander Road for the municipal landfill.

The land, presently leased to the township, houses a waste compactor station that serves all township residents. The committee refused to allow industries use of the facility last year because of overburdening the landfill's capacity. They now contract with private collectors.

The committee appropriated \$3,000 for the July 29 referendum on the \$1.7 million municipal building.

Township clerk Anita Mount said key costs included 32 election board workers at \$40 a day each, voting machines, sample ballots and advertising.

Crime figures for the first six months of 1975 released by Police Chief Francis J. Maguire showed an increase of \$35,000 by \$79,881 in the value of property stolen. The report revealed 105 larceny cases between January and June as compared with 72 for the same period last year.

Maguire reported 242 auto accidents, including two fatalities, as against 245 and no deaths for the first half of 1974.

# Oral warrant is key to high court appeal

**By MICHAEL NORMAN**  
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A North Carolina man who was convicted of possessing \$8,400 worth of heroin will challenge an appeals court ruling which upheld his conviction and the legality of the search which led police to the heroin, according to his attorney.

Public Defender Theodore Fishman said yesterday he will ask the N.J. Supreme Court to hear the case of Troy Pointer, 51, who was sentenced in March 1974 to six to 12 years in the New Jersey State Prison.

Pointer was arrested a year earlier. Trenton police said they found that he was in possession of a glassine bag of heroin. Police also found

# Washington settles on school cuts

**ROBBINSVILLE** — Washington Township Mayor Joseph H. Maher Jr. announced that the township committee and the Washington township school board have reached a budgetary compromise, after three months of difficult negotiations.

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# Trenton man to go on trial for murder

A Trenton man charged with murdering an 18-year-old boy and wounding the youth's mother was scheduled to go on trial today in the Mercer County Courthouse.

Samuel Earl Jennings, 34, of 15 Yard Avenue, is accused of fatally shooting Edward Morris and wounding his mother, 35-year-old Willie May Willis, in their Miller Homes apartment on Lincoln Avenue May 10, 1974.

Defense and prosecution attorneys were expected to begin the process of selecting a 14-member jury panel before Mercer County Court Judge Richard J. S. Barlow Jr.

The state contends that Jennings and his girlfriend, Willis, had been celebrating Jennings' birthday and returned to Willis' apartment after the party, according to assistant prosecutor Lawrence G. Welle.

The two got into a heated discussion about money and it was then, the state charges, that Jennings pulled out a .22 caliber sawed-off rifle, killed Morris and shot his mother in the ear.

Jennings was identified by Willis' other two small children and he was arrested the next day. He is being held in the Mercer County Jail.

Defense attorney Dennis Kuroishi the Public Defender's Office is expected to contend that Jennings returned home after the birthday party and did not leave the house until after 5 a.m. the next morning. The murder occurred about 4 a.m., according to police reports.

# Aerosol spray ban narrowly rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A petition to ban aerosol sprays on the grounds they could result in from 100,000 to 300,000 cases of skin cancer annually in the United States and 1.5 million worldwide within 25 years has been rejected by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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# State Council on Arts gets \$205,000 grant

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts located at 27 West State Street will receive a \$205,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the office of Senator Clifford P. Case, R-N.J., announced yesterday.

This is a basic state agency grant used for ongoing art programs. The grant, expected by the Council on the Arts to be received some time in August, will be used for fellowships, touring art exhibits, state concerts, newsletters, grants to local arts councils and general information services.

# PBA asks to bargain for Flemington police

FLEMINGTON — Local 188 of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has requested that the Flemington Borough Council designate it as bargaining agent for the borough police department.

The council received the request without comment last night, referring it to Police Commissioner Harold Kitchin "for action."

The police have until now been part of an employee group which included all borough workers.

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HARTS CORNER — Hopewell Township Democratic committee candidate Jack Bradley has started his campaign with a two-pronged proposal for handling bicentennial traffic problems in Hopewell Township.

He suggested having temporary parking at Mercer Airport for tourists, who would be bused to Washington Crossing State Park by Metro Buses. Once in the park the tourists would be transported around the park by mini-buses, according to Bradley.

But his other proposal, for a transient camping area in Washington

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Crossing State Park, has been openly opposed by the Democratic dominated committee in past meetings.

Two months ago Hopewell Township residents were up in arms about Department of Environmental Protection plans for the park, which included a 100 camp site transient camping area. At a meeting last May, Mayor Michael Arcieri, a Democrat, and Republican Committeeman Christopher Bannister both criticized the department's camping proposal. They said residents would be against it.

However, Bradley has called for a 30-acre area which will have 250 sites on the Philip's Farm and a parking pad. The Department's plans for the

# Transient camping area were going to cost \$1.4 million

Bradley has no cost estimates, but said the site could be funded by Green Acres money.

The Philip's Farm is used for the Trenton Dog Show. Mrs. Bradley said her husband's plans for the transient camping area wouldn't hinder the dog show.

Bradley said the net result of his proposals would be "elimination of vehicular traffic congestion, an extension of present parking facilities and provisions for space in which to conduct park activities."

It is estimated that three to five million people will visit Washington Crossing State Park during the bicentennial year.

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