

# Rising Crime Rate Lifts Living Costs

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(NC News Service)  
Washington — Serious crime in the United States, like the cost of living, continues on the rise.  
FBI figures show that serious crime increased nationally by 10 per cent in the first three months of this year, as compared with the first three months of 1968. The figures for the entire year of 1968 showed a sharp increase over 1967.

administration spokesman expressed confidence that a package of anti-crime bills for Washington would be ready in July.  
The FBI figures show increases in each crime classification used in the national Crime Index. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover drew attention to this fact, pointing out that crimes of violence as a group rose 15 per cent, with murder up 7 per cent, forcible rape 12 per cent, aggravated assault 8 per cent, and robbery 22 per cent.

Crime has both a direct and indirect influence on the cost of living and the transaction of business.

Nevertheless, Sen. Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.), chairman of the Senate District of Columbia committee, has said this city is "on the verge of losing a year in the war on crime," and to charge the Nixon administration with substituting "crime crisis rhetoric" for action.

Cities with 100,000 and more of population, commonly referred to as the "large cities," had an average rise in serious crime of 10 per cent, while suburban areas had an 11 per cent increase and rural areas 7 per cent.

Northeastern states reported a 12 per cent rise, North Central states 10 per cent, and the Southern and Western States 9 per cent each.

Sen. Tydings also charged that the report of the President's Commission on Crime, issued two years ago, "gathers dust on too many city government shelves" round the country.

On the national level, according to Hoover, armed robbery, where any weapon was used, rose 27 per cent, and aggravated assault with a firearm increased 10 per cent during the first quarter of 1969.

At the same time, a Nixon

# End Divisive Action, Washington Priests Urge 2 Organizations

Washington — (NC)—The Senate of Priests of the Washington archdiocese expressed "regret and sorrow" at the actions of two controversial Catholic organizations, and urged them to "put aside their present divisive activities within the archdiocese."

freely elected body representative of the 325 parish priests of the archdiocese and 50 priest members of religious orders working here.

The statement also said:

The statement, formulated with the unanimous consent of the Senate, was directed at the Washington Lay Association and the Center for Christian Renewal, organizations which have been at odds with archdiocesan officials here, particularly since last year's difficulties over Pope Paul's birth control encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*.

"We do this in a spirit of prayer for the unity that can come only when we are one in Christ, one with our bishop, and one with each other. In the same spirit, in these troubled times, we urge a special fidelity to Christ and to His Church for all our people, and especially our priests.

The Washington Lay Association, a small, but militant organization of local Catholics, established the Center last fall at a residence for priests who left their parishes after disagreeing with Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle on the subject of the encyclical.

"We offer in prayer and true brotherhood a special appeal to our brother priests who have left the active ministry of the Church to return to the priestly life and priestly work to which they have been called by Christ."

Since then the Center has become the springboard for a number of militant activities including forced "teach-ins" and the publication of a controversial newsletter, *The Voice*.

Asked for comment on the statement, James Gibbons, a spokesman for the Center for Christian Renewal, replied: "We're not creating divisions that don't already exist. We're emphasizing the fact that they do exist."

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Vatican City — (NC)—Pope Paul VI has named Msgr. Karl Moser, vicar general of the Vienna archdiocese as auxiliary bishop of the same See.

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### Mass At Ben Het

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# Cardinal Gets Injunction Against Church Disruptions

St. Louis — (RNS) — John Cardinal Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis, Msgr. Rowland Gannon, pastor of St. Louis Cathedral, and 19 cathedral parishioners obtained a temporary injunction in U.S. District Court to prevent disruption of services by black groups who have interrupted Mass at the cathedral on recent Sundays.

The federal suit was filed after an escalating series of actions by blacks. When a militant leader suggested that demonstrators might spit in the Communion cup, Cardinal Carberry warned that he would neither "condone planned interference" nor "tolerate blasphemous threats against the Blessed Sacrament." Then ACTION charged that the archdiocese was profiting from slum property, a charge that was

denied as "false and malicious" by Catholic authorities and resulted in a St. Louis Post-Dispatch investigation disproving the allegation.  
The disruption of services in both Catholic and Protestant churches began in May. In some instances the blacks were allowed to read the NBEDC manifesto and denounce the area churches; in others the militants were denounced and asked to leave. In another instance a Cathedral Sunday Noon Mass was cancelled.

It is believed to be the first time federal relief has been sought officially by a church agency against disruptions by supporters of the National Black Economic Development Conference's Black Manifesto.

The suit filed by Catholics asks that the defendants (the Black Liberation Front, ACTION, and their members) be restrained from entering the cathedral, disturbing parishioners attending services, making demands for money, distributing copies of demands and the Black Manifesto, and from making any noise or commotion to disturb or disquiet any religious service or meeting.

It further seeks to keep the defendants from "damaging, defacing or marring the sanctuary, building and property of the plaintiffs."

The suit cites the First, Fifth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and certain civil

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