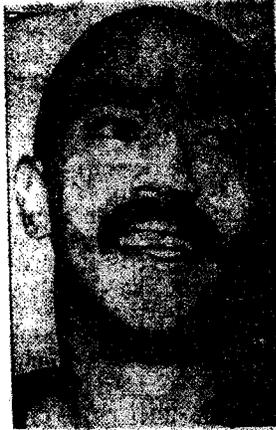


Detroit Negro Says He Lied on



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JAMES MALONE
... says he lied

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DETROIT, Sept. 29—

A Negro witness on an NBC TV documentary about the Detroit riot says he was persuaded by network officials to play a false role in testifying about a conspiracy among Negroes to kill white people during the disorders.

"I don't know anything about a conspiracy to kill Japanese in the Japanese factory area,"

Malone was arrested July 22, the night of the riot, in a meat market on a looting charge. He has been in the Wayne county jail

since then. He was in jail in August when an NBC news interviewer questioned him.

Malone pleaded innocent to the charge but is held under \$1000 bond for trial.

In an interview with the Detroit News at the jail, he said he was told by NBC personnel what to say last August. "The television man came in the back door of the jail and one of them asked if any of us wanted to be on television."

"One guy said, 'Which one of you fellows wants to play the part of a sniper?' Another guy volunteered for that. They promised me they

wouldn't show my face on the camera."

Malone said the Wayne County inspector Robert J. Harbour told the men who took part in the show to sign a statement showing that he (Harbour) was not involved and did not coerce them into going on the show. Harbour has verified that Malone did participate in the taping in the jail ward.

Wearing a brimmed hat and with his face in shadow, Malone told an NBC interviewer on the Sept. 15 program that the next riot would start with police headquarters and work its way up."

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NBC Show About Killing Plot

"This time it's not gonna be any burning, it's not gonna be so much burning and looting, it's gonna be people's lives that are at stake," Malone said on the program.

Malone was introduced by NBC correspondent Walter Sheridan as a member of "the inner circle of black extremists."

"Their aim is to create chaos, to bring about a confrontation between black and white," Sheridan said.

He then turned to Malone to document his own statement. "For his own safety, this man's face cannot be shown," Sheridan said. "He is in the inner circle of

black extremists. Some of what he says may sound to you like fantasy.

"But we have confirmed from other sources among black revolutionaries that what he has told us is fact," Sheridan said.

He then interviewed Malone briefly.

Asked how many persons there were in the hard-core leadership of black extremists in Detroit, Malone replied: "Roughly here in Detroit I would say roughly we have a dozen or so."

Malone said there were "roughly about the same" number in other cities in "very close contact, very close" and that "basically"

they were directed from New York.

"From Rap Brown?" asked Sheridan.

Malone answered: "Not actually, not so much Rap Brown. There are people over Rap Brown. You must realize that, too."

Asked if there was a behind-the-scenes leader, Malone answered in the affirmative, and told his white interviewer he was "the same color you are, brother."

"What next? Their kids, not ours. Them, not us."

Contacted in New York, an NBC official said the network was not familiar with the name of Malone and had no comment on the latter's

charges, but said such denials frequently occur after documentaries.

He said the network was criticized frequently for not documenting its news better but said this was impossible.

A police official often, as happened after the Detroit program, demanded to know the identity of the people quoted, but the network always refused such information "because people's lives are at stake," he added.

Malone, in his interview with The News, denied knowledge of any conspiracy among Negroes to kill whites.