

But who does it?

African Animals

animal. The wildlife specialists have had to put aside their work protecting other species to explain to writers that the wolf is still alive and well in Alaska and many parts of Canada. In the middle U.S., however, the encroachment of civilization is gradually killing off wolves.

Black Panthers

Some Negro leaders have questioned this column's report that black militants, particularly the Black Panthers, are trying to drive lawmen, firemen and other government agents out of the ghettos.

The facts are available in many big-city police and fire stations. Not only are officers summoned into the ghettos by repeated false alarms, but they risk attack from hostile residents.

In the nation's capital, for example, false fire alarms are running between 1,500 and 1,800 a month. Most come from the ghetto where, in the worse neighborhoods, it has become necessary to eliminate fire boxes. In more than 35 instances this year, the firemen have been pelted with rocks, bottles and other ob-

jects. Policemen in some cities have been shot at by ghetto snipers.

The militants reportedly seek to drive out the white man's law and establish their own revolutionary rule over the inner cities.

Secretary of Defense Mel Laird has turned out to be a dove in hawk's feathers.

In the policy councils, he has fought to pull combat troops from Vietnam, to cut military spending, to close many military installations and to destroy germ warfare stockpiles. He overrode the military brass on all these issues.

Some critics warn, however, that he is dismantling the military-industrial complex too fast for safety. Here is my prediction:

Military cutbacks will idle a few defense plants and will throw about 300,000 defense workers out of jobs by summertime. This might cause an uproar since it will come at the same time that the President's anti-inflation policies will cause higher unemployment.