

## Around the Nation

# Police Charged In L.A. Slayings

LOS ANGELES—Seven policemen were arraigned yesterday on charges of manslaughter stemming from a raid on a tenement where two unarmed Mexican men were shot to death last week.

The district attorney's office issued criminal complaints against the officers—five from the Los Angeles Police Department and two from nearby San Leandro—who fired into an apartment occupied by six Mexican nationals, none of whom spoke English.

The officers were seeking a murder suspect, wanted in San Leandro, who later surrendered. The suspect was not in the vicinity of the tenement at the time of the raid although a car matching the description of one owned by the suspect was parked in front of the house.

All the officers, in addition to the manslaughter counts, are accused of six counts of assault.

The two men killed were Beltran Sanchez, 23, and Guillermo Sanchez, 22. A third man, Ramon Sanchez, suffered a sprained ankle when he fell trying to climb out a window.

The complaint stated the alleged assaults were committed "without lawful necessity." Penalty for manslaughter is one to 15 years in prison and each assault count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

## Pollution Suit

DETROIT—Four Wayne State University faculty members and two students have filed suit against four major laundry detergent manufacturers, asking that they be forbidden to sell phosphate-heavy detergents

in Michigan.

The suit also asked the companies to pay up to \$5 million each for damages to lakes St. Clair and Erie, the Detroit River and other damaged Great Lakes waters.

The suit named Lever Brothers Co.; Procter and Gamble, Inc.; Colgate-Palmolive Co.; and Boyle-Midwest, Inc., who market a total of 30 soap products containing phosphates.

The suit asks a permanent injunction against distribution or marketing of any detergent product containing more than 1.5 per cent phosphate. Some products sold contain 48 per cent phosphate.

## 216 Firms Sued

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A fishermen's organization sued 216 companies, the secretary of the Army, director of the Corps of Engineers and the Alabama Water Improvement Commission.

The Bass Anglers Sports-

man Society filed a class action suit asking injunctions to halt commercial dumping into rivers and bring enforcement of an 1899 Refuse Act under federal control.

Calling Alabama's water control agency "industry-loaded," the suit asks instead that the Army "establish standards for the issuing of permits allowing dumping of refuse."

Ray Scott, president of the organization, said the suit was filed because "the Justice Department has failed to authorize . . . action in this matter." He filed charges of refuse law violation with U.S. attorneys in Alabama

July 10. None of the cases has been prosecuted.

In Los Angeles County, the board of supervisors called on public health officials to ban sale of 1971 automobiles not equipped with adequate smog prevention devices.

## Sniper Witness

CHICAGO—16-year-old girl was surrendered by her mother, and Chicago police said more arrests may be made in an investigation that has already led to arrests of four suspects in the sniper slayings Friday of two policemen in the Cabrini-Green public housing area.

Police described the girl as a companion of John Veal, 18, a street gang leader and one of the suspects, and said she was reported to have vital information concerning the murders.

In Trenton, N.J., meanwhile, Gov. William T. Cahill said New Jersey State Police who fired their weapons during a confrontation with a disorderly Asbury Park crowd two weeks ago acted with "restraint."

Official reports have maintained the policemen fired over the heads of those in the crowd. More than 40 persons suffered gunshot wounds.

## Addenda

- The estate of Henry R. Luce, who headed the Time-Life magazine empire, was estimated in New York at \$103,014,000 in a court petition for approval of estimated income taxes.

- Thomas Renaghan, 63, retired assistant chief inspector of New York City police, was arrested on contempt and perjury charges stemming from a grand jury investigation of police corruption.

- Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson was sworn in as an official enumerator of the Census Bureau and promptly set out on a walking tour of the city's south, central and north wards. Gibson urged residents to fill out census forms because federal and state monies are allocated on the basis of the information.

From staff reports and news dispatches