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## SERIOUS CRIME UP IN THE U.S. BY 13%

First-Quarter Rise Reverses  
Decline of Last Year

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UPI)—Serious reported crime in the United States increased 13 per cent during the first quarter of this year, compared to the like quarter in 1969 despite the Nixon Administration's heavy emphasis on "law and order."

The uniform crime reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed that the beginning of a decline that marked the first year of President Nixon's term in office reversed itself in 1970. Much had been made of the fact that crime rose only 10 per cent in 1969, compared to 17 per cent during the last year of the Johnson administration.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell sought to put the best face on the latest crime statistics in a news release stressing that the rate of increase of violent crimes slowed by 7 per cent in the nation's 58 largest cities and by 3 per cent in the nation as a whole between January and March.

Individual figures for at least three of the major cities and the nation's capital, however, showed crime continuing to rise in almost every one of the violent categories: murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

### Crimes Rise in Capital

In the District of Columbia, murders rose from 63 to 64, forcible rapes fell from 77 to 53, robberies rose from 2,788 to 3,076 and aggravated assaults rose from 707 to 952.

Murders in Chicago almost doubled from 121 during the first three months of 1969 to 201 this year, rape was up from 291 to 339, robbery from 4,374 to 5,369 and aggravated assault from 2,543 to 2,723.

In New York City, murders rose from 237 to 259, rapes fell from 536 to 505, robberies rose from 15,632 to 16,505 and aggravated assault from 3,352 to 6,721.

Murders dropped in Los Angeles from 93 in 1969 to 88 this year, and rapes were off from 498 to 493, but burglaries rose from 3,160 to 3,247 and aggravated assault from 3,352 to 3,565.

A statement accompanying the report, usually prepared by the F.B.I., was handled this time by the office of the Attorney General.

It said that violent crimes nationally increased 12 per cent compared to a 15 per cent increase last year, but were offset by a 13 per cent increase in the property crime rate.

A breakdown by categories showed murder up 13 per cent compared to 7 per cent in 1969 and burglary up 12 per cent from a 4 per cent rise last year. Forcible rape, however, fell from 12 per cent to 6 per cent and robbery from 22 per cent to 15 per cent.

Burglary climbed from 4 per cent to 12, and aggravated assault, larceny and auto theft all held steady at increases of 8 per cent, 17 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively.

Geographically, the reports showed that crime increased 17 per cent in the North Central and Southern States, 15 per cent in the Western States and 4 per cent in the heavily populated Northeast.