

Zebra search and

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Operation Zebra, the largest manhunt in The City's history, had produced no new leads by late yesterday afternoon.

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Some 300 black males have been stopped and searched on City streets following Mayor Alioto's order to police on Wednesday. The practice, severely criticized by black community leaders, is headed for a showdown Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

The City then must show cause why the manhunt does not violate the constitutional rights of blacks.

Five black San Franciscans filed the suit Friday against Mayor Alioto, Police Chief Donald Scott and two members of the Police Commission.

Yesterday, 150 police officers assigned to the Zebra unit continued to look for a black man who fits the composite drawing of a man 20 to 30 years old, 5 feet 9 to 6 feet tall of slender to medium build.

They were joined by at least four volunteer sheriff's deputies, working on their own time. Police Captain Eugee Caldwell prepared plans to use more volunteer law enforcement officers this week.

However, it was pointed out that the idea of using reserve police in the search is still in the planning stages, and that there are no plans to put them on the street.

Instead, they will be used on station details and so forth, allowing regular police officers to beef up the search forces on the street.

Meanwhile, police discounted the theory that the black man who killed 25 year old Frank Carlson and raped his wife Annette Thursday night is the Zebra killer.

Mr. Carlson was an employe of Safeway. Services for him will be Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Contributions may be sent to Synanon Foundation or the church's memorial fund.

"The motive here looks like rape and he did not use a .32," a spokesman said.

Police defended their street interrogations of blacks amid increasing controversy in the black community and

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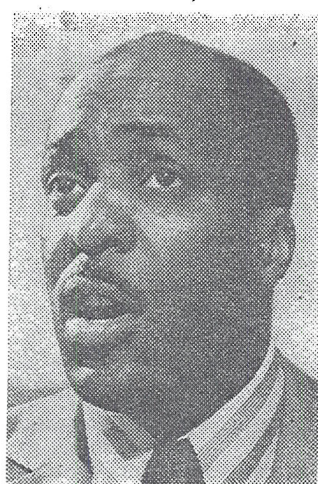


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Dr. Washington Garner: "We want everybody to help catch these nuts. It's not a racist thing."



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Zebra composite: Police say that only black men who closely resemble this are being stopped.

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elsewhere.

"The whole thing has been explained very poorly," said Capt. Mortimer McInerney. Only black men who closely resemble the composite of the suspect are stopped, he emphasized.

Black community leaders have charged that blacks of all sizes and descriptions are being questioned and that procedure is tantamount to a suspension of black people's constitutional rights.

NAACP attorneys who will represent the black citizens suing to stop the manhunt said the stop-and-search procedure is tantamount to a suspension of black people's constitutional rights.

Alioto said in announcing the manhunt Wednesday that police would be "mindful of citizens constitutional rights."

"This is an extraordinary situation and it calls for extreme measures."

Police Commission President, Dr. Washington Garner, at the same time appealed for cooperation from the black community. Police Chief Scott said the manhunt order was a difficult decision, but required to stop this "rotten, rotten killer."

Critics of the manhunt were quick to say they hoped police would catch the Zebra killer, but they denounced the procedure.

"We take the position,"

said NAACP Counsel Nathaniel Jones, "that blackness doesn't constitute probable cause (for an arrest)."

"Today black people are being 'singled out,'" Jones said. "Tomorrow it could be Jews and the next day Japanese-Americans. It means that no one's constitutional rights are protected or preserved." These remarks were echoed by Ben Criswell, San Francisco Chairman of the NAACP.

The NAACP said it has received "hundreds of complaints" from blacks who believe they are being harassed. Lawyers are collecting affidavits to present in court Wednesday.

The suit is filed as a class action on behalf of all blacks who are in "immediate danger of being stopped . . . without a warrant or probable cause."

The dragnet, directed as it is only against blacks, violates Fourth Amendment standards for arrest and detention, Jones said.

Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church warned earlier that the manhunt "creates the possibility of war by the establishment of a police state."

Demonstrations against the manhunt are scheduled for tomorrow at noon and 5:30 p.m. on the city hall steps.

The first is sponsored by the Committee Against Racism, a national organization of college students and faculty members. The second is being organized by the Coalition to Stop Operation Zebra, an ad-hoc group comprised of the Urban League, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and others.

Yesterday a half dozen uniformed Nazis drove a Swastika-painted military truck to city hall. "We're here to show our concern over the brutal murders of white people in the streets," said Allen Vincent, Northern California leader. "We're just waiting until the white people have had it. Then they'll have the opportunity to vote for us at the polls."



Nazi, led by Allen Vincent, third from right, appeared at City Hall to back offer of "aid" in Operation Zebra Manhunt.