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DETECTIVE RICHARD F. BOSAK

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“ . . . and he was a great cop.”

Deputy Commissioner Wade Poole



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PRAISE FOR POLICE

Following five days of civil disorders in Baltimore members of the Department were publicly praised for their professional approach to the problem.

Their individual and collective "attitude of restraint" was cited by many as a prime reason for keeping injuries to a minimum.

The commendatory remarks of Commissioner Pomerleau, Mayor D'Alesandro, Governor Agnew and General York are reprinted below.

THE STRONGHOLD OF UNITY



CANNOT BE BROKEN

BY OFFICER BOB ROSS, C.D.

POLICE COMMISSIONER D. D. POMERLEAU

April 12, 1968

Each of you can be extremely proud of the job that the Department has accomplished during the past several days. Your individual and collective efforts have been truly professional. Your dedication and devotion to duty and your demonstrated restraint under the most trying conditions possible have been outstanding. We can all be proud of being members of the Baltimore City Police Department. I can assure you its performance has established standards for these occurrences that will be most difficult to equal.

We apologize to no one for the conduct of operations. Please continue to exercise your good judgement and restraint, as demonstrated during this period of stress, as there are some few tensions remaining. We must continue to be ever vigilant in the interests of our community. My sincerest congratulations to each of you and to the Department for the tremendous team effort which culminated in a most successful operation.

MAYOR THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, III

April 13, 1968

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone in my administration and on behalf of all citizens of Baltimore to salute each of you, the Policemen of our City, for the splendid, effective and thoroughly professional manner in which you conducted yourselves during the past week of violence in the City.

As Policemen, it can be said of you, that you measured up to every situation you faced and you faced every situation with good sense and a high degree of professionalism. You hold the public trust for the manner in which you faced the adversities of the past week.

I'm fully aware that you will receive severe criticism by some who feel more force should have been applied. Perhaps many of you personally feel frustrated because force was not met by force, as some would have it. But I think in the long run, the principle of preserving human life, under which the U. S. Army operated, has prevented far more serious damage to the City and its people.

Again, I commend you. The professionalism you displayed reflects great credit on an already tried and tested Police Department. I believe no finer Department exists anywhere in the United States.

GOVERNOR SPIRO T. AGNEW

April 19, 1968

I share with all Baltimoreans a feeling of pride in the highly professional work of the men of the Baltimore City Police Department during the recent crisis.

The dedication and restraint displayed during incredibly difficult times reflect the highest tradition of service to the community.

You have my deepest appreciation and warmest congratulations for a job well done.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT YORK

April 11, 1968

"I especially want to recognize and pay tribute to your Police Department and Commissioner Pomerleau. When I came here, Commissioner Pomerleau turned over his entire resources and made them available to me for this operation and they had done an outstanding job in every respect. I just can't praise them too highly. I have been most impressed by their leadership, by their competence, by their understanding of the problem, and by their dedication. They've done just an outstanding job and I can't find adequate words to express my most sincere appreciation to them. But nevertheless, I am grateful and I think the City of Baltimore can be both proud of them and grateful to them."

And, in a letter to Commissioner Pomerleau dated April 17, 1968, General York said in part:

I would appreciate it if you would express my personal thanks to all the officers and men in your organization for the outstanding job they did throughout the operation. I have nothing but the deepest respect and admiration for them. They can feel justifiably proud of their accomplishments.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat for members of the Department, held at "Manresa on the Severn," has been tentatively set for May 13-14-15, and/or May 20-21-22. The number of groups will depend upon how many members wish to attend this year.

For further information, contact your District or Division representative. Lt. Riedy, I.I.D.

FINAL ROLL CALL

The members of the C. I. D. are saddened at the loss of a good friend and fine police officer, Det. Richard Bosak killed in the line of duty on 18 April 1968 while attempting to apprehend a wanted felon. We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to his family and hope that they may derive some degree of comfort in the knowledge that Dick's service not only honored the Department, but will serve as a shining example to those of us who carry on in the profession of law enforcement. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew and worked with him.

Retired Sgt. John F. Bendermeyer formerly assigned to the Personnel Bureau, died on April 2, 1968.

The department extends its deepest sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently laid to rest.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS

The Mothers' Day Mass will be at the Old Cathedral, Mulberry and Cathedral Sts., May 12, 1968, at 8:15 A.M. Formation will be at Hamilton & Mulberry Sts. at 7:45 A.M. Mass will be offered by His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan and breakfast will follow at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. All are invited to bring their families.

SPRING DANCE SLATED

The Baltimore City Police Wives' Association is sponsoring a Spring Dance to be held at Unity Hall, 1718 Dundalk Avenue, on 11 May 1968 from 9 P.M. until 2 A.M. The music will be furnished by the Debonairs and the affair will be catered. The tickets are \$5.00 and can be obtained from Mrs. Merle McQuay (327-4511) or Mrs. Janet Wilson (668-1922).

TRAFFIC INSTITUTE LONG COURSE

Persons interested in attending the Traffic Institute Long Course of Northwestern University may submit their applications, through channels, to Major Norman E. Pomrenke, of the Education and Training Division, by 3 May 1968. The course starts September, 1968 and ends in June, 1969. Candidates will be selected prior to 31 May 1968.

70 OFFICERS INJURED DURING DISTURBANCE

The following is a list of our men injured during the recent emergency.

Central District — F. B. Howard, C. Smoot, J. Detota, N. Stamp, P. Karaskavicz, J. Plantholt, W. Pennington, J. S. Thomas, D. Meyes, L. Berger, J. Rolloyson, R. Lmartina, W. Pitkevits, D. Kazmerski and D. Hess. **Southeastern District** — R. Haas and E. Tabor. **Eastern District** — J. Wade, J. W. Kline, W. Clements, E. Mezewiski, D. Hopkins and E. Welch Sr. **Northeastern District** — S. Pelekakis and P. LeBrun. **Northern District** — Glen Foutty. **Northwestern District** — C. Schubert, W. Buttner, J. D. Evans, M. E. Whalen, F. Buccini, and W. Faulkner. **Western District** — P. Meagher, J. Albers, C. Thrush D. Davis, J. Clark and F. Mills. **Southwestern District** — J. Jones, C. Simmons, G. Brutscho and J. Cullings. **Southern District** — E. McIntyre, R. F. Ewing, S. Battaglia H. Baze, R. Copper and H. Ingram. **Tactical** — Larry Henson G. Otterbein, D. Winegaur, R. Lanahan, J. F. Bernard, C. Stambaugh, Jr., N. Parker, J. Archey and W. Gossman. **Traffic Division** — M. Peters, J. Bisson, R. Rogers, J. Pate, J. F. Uhlk and C. George. **Criminal Investigation Division** — L. Tomlin, D. Davis, J. J. Cadden and H. Bennon. **Youth Division** — J. J. Klina.

PERSONNEL SERVICE BOARD MEETS



Standing (Left to Right) Sgt. William Dickerson, SED; Lieut Gilbert E. Creutzer, Comm. Div; Ptlm. Paul J. Lioi, NED; Sgt. Francis X. Donohue, CD; Eugene C. Brukiewa, SED; Sgt. Albert T. Lobos, SWD; Ptlm. George A. Boston, Plng. & Rsch. Div; Jerry Lejk, Pers. Dept; Ptlm. John G. Scales, TD; Ptlm. Francis R. Kavanaugh, ED; Sitting (Left to Right) Ptlm. Louis S. Spikas WD; Joyce Blume, SWD; Joseph K. Walker, Fis. Aff. Div; Det. Henry T. Beaudet, CID; Major Lon F. Rowlett, Pers. Dept; Barbara McGinnis, Youth Div; Ptlm. William E. Delahanty, CD; Deputy Commissioner Ralph G. Murdy; Captain Robert J. Hewes, NWD; Lieut. John A. Goodrich, CD; Janet L. Heidrick, Pers. Dept; Ptlm. John G. Schwartz, TD.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tactical Section — Sgt. Eser advises a group of his men have decided to join the "Great Society" by organizing their own Jogging Club. Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m., they will meet at Carroll Park tennis court and would appreciate a large cheering section.

Youth Division — Miss Sara C. Cohen of the Youth Division, who is Coordinator for the Police Boys' Clubs, underwent surgery for a ruptured appendix at Sinai Hospital and is recuperating at 6978 Marsue Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. Miss Cohen, who has been with the Department for forty-five years, was appointed on August 17, 1922. She has been Coordinator of the Police Boys' Clubs since the inauguration of the program in 1944. Miss Cohen is greatly miss-

ed, and we extend to her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Northern District — The Northern District extends best wishes and congratulations to Officer Jerome G. Weaver and Policewoman Mary Jean Lamoreaux, both of this District, who were married on March 23rd, 1968, at Lovely Lane Methodist Church by Chaplain Charles Beatty.

Traffic Division — Officer Elmer England, of the Traffic Division, is making a speedy recovery at St. Agnes Hospital and it is hoped he will be home soon. (Check with the Hospital before visiting (Room 217) . . . Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. John Schuster, on the birth of a 6 lb. 13 oz. girl on April 10, 1968.

Northwestern District — Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. John Erdman on the recent arrival of

a baby boy. . . Policewoman Elizabeth Treakle has just returned from Laredo, Texas, where she attended her daughter Patricia's wedding.

C. I. D. — Clerk Flora Young is now recovering at home, 2515 Calverton Hgts. Ave., after undergoing an appendectomy. Flora is expected back at the grindstone in about a week. . . Capt. George H. Mintiens, C. O. of the Special Investigations Section, retired as of 10 April 1968 after 41 years with the Department.

Commissioner's Staff — By now, we're sure you have all noticed the happy smile when entering the Commissioner's reception room. Here's why — Congratulations to Jane & Larry Rogowski, who were married on April 13, 1968 at the Essex Church of God.