

Miami Prosecutor Charged With Racial Bias

MIAMI, FLORIDA — NB-NS — A team of 25 to 35 Federal prosecutors and agents have arrived here to look into alleged civil rights abuse by local law enforcement officers.

Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti heads the team, which will inquire not only into the case that triggered the spontaneous rebellion by the city's Blacks a week ago, but also several other instances of alleged police abuse against Black Miamians.

A grand jury has already begun hearing evidence against the four white former officers to

determine whether they will be charged with civil rights violations in the beating death of Arthur McDuffie, a 33 year old Black insurance executive.

The anger among Miami Blacks is now focusing on State's Attorney Janet Reno. Community spokespersons blame Reno for the acquittal of the four officers after the state joined in their prosecution.

Calls for her resignation head the lists of demands made by Black leaders. The 41 year old Harvard Law School graduate was

asked to step down by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of which she is a member. Mayor Maurice Ferre said she ought to step aside until charges that her prosecution was biased in the case that touched off the violence has been resolved.

The State's Attorney's position, filled by countywide election, is one of the few exercising jurisdiction over the entire Dade County. With Black support, Reno came to office a little over two years ago.

Community College Offers 'Camelot'

The Clark County Community College production of Camelot opens at Spring Mountain Ranch on Thursday June 12.

The smash hit musical comedy of the '60's opens the Super Summer '80 state parks program. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park is located in Red Rock Canyon.

"Camelot" written by Alan J. Lerner and Frederick Loewe, is directed by Robert D. Dunkerly of the Fine Arts Department of CCCC.

open at 6 p.m. Performances are at 8 p.m. on June 12, 13, 14, June 19, 20, 21 and June 26, 27 and 28. For information call the park at 385-0264.

All performances are out of doors and it's recommended those attending bring sweaters and blankets, but no pets are allowed.

"Camelot" is sponsored by the Nevada Division of State Parks, CCCC, and the State Parks Cultural Arts Committee.

Innocent Until Found Guilty

The United States Supreme Court has affirmed that a person charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Yet, conditions of pre-trial detention are acknowledged to be worse than those for the convicted felon and provoke a hotly-contested debate about the American criminal justice system.

"Presumed Innocent" examines these constitutional issues and the human problems that accompany pre-trial deten-

tion in a special hour-long report to be broadcast on Channel 10, Sunday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Taped over a six-week period, with special low-light, black and white video equipment that drew minimal attention to the videomakers, "Presumed Innocent" is the first comprehensive report produced about the House of Detention for Men (HDM) on Rikers Island, the pre-trial jail for the Borough of Manhattan, in New York City.

HDM is one of the

largest pre-trial facilities in America. It houses up to 2,000 inmates, a population but is usually 85 percent Black or Hispanic, most of whom are unable to meet court-imposed bail. Yet in many respects, HDM and the controversies surrounding it are typical of municipal and county jails throughout America.

"Presumed Innocent" examines the dynamics of life in jail, telling the story of the institution and the process of pre-trial detention from the viewpoints

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