

# Huge Police Command Shakeup Is Announced by Conlisk

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Police Supt. James E. Conlisk announced yesterday what was said to be the greatest shakeup of top personnel in the police department's history. Twenty-seven captains were involved in demotions, promotions and transfers. Twenty-four lieutenants were promoted to captains but 21 were not immediately reassigned. One lieutenant was appointed a district commander, altho not elevated to the civil service rank of captain.

Conlisk said the changes were made "to give the people of Chicago better police service and to provide proved leadership and supervision." He pointed out a recent survey by the International Association of Chiefs of Police which said there is a need for better supervision.

### Seeks Better Commanders

"I am determined this will be achieved," Conlisk said. "The personnel changes are initial steps toward strengthening the quality of personnel management, leadership, and supervision at all levels of command."

The new commanders have been given orders to "get tough" with their men, spend more time out of the office checking up on them, and less time sitting behind a desk analyzing staff studies. The Tribune learned.

For the most part, the new chiefs are younger than those they replaced, some of whom held key positions in the regime of the late Police Commissioner Timothy O'Connor or were members of the top command of the Chicago Park District police before that force was absorbed by the city.

### Reward for Records

The shakeup enabled Conlisk to reward many who have established records of efficient performance.

In the top promotion, Capt. Patrick V. Needham, who has been executive assistant to the superintendent, was named deputy superintendent for the bureau of administrative services.

Promoted to assistant deputy superintendent were Capt. Howard Pierson, who has been deputy chief of patrol; Capt. Raymond Clark, from director of the vice control division;



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Four Chicago police officers named to post of assistant deputy superintendents are: (from left) Howard Pierson, John McInerney, George Sims and Raymond Clark.

Capt. John McInerney, from Shakespear District commander; and Capt. George T. Sims, from Fillmore District commander. Sims becomes the second highest-ranking Negro in the department.

The four deputy superintendents demoted are Wilbur F. Parker, Merlin J. Nygren, Terrence T. Doherty, and Robert V. Keleher. Parker has been assigned to the Kensington District, and Keleher to the Foster Avenue District. Specific duties were not disclosed.

Also demoted were James D. Riordan and Francis N. Lavelle, former deputy chiefs of patrol. Riordan has been assigned to the Kensington Dis-

trict and Lavelle to the Chicago Lawn District. Four new deputy chiefs of patrol are Edward F. Sheehy, who has been Gresham District commander; Charles Pepp, who has been Prairie Avenue District commander; William W. Murphy, who has been deputy chief of the detective division; and Thomas M. Frost, who has been youth division director.

Other changes involving captains are: John Killackey, from director of labor relations to deputy chief of the detective division; Earl Johnson, from robbery section commander to Shake-speare District commander; and Joseph Mueller, from

watch commander of the Westworth District to commander of the Albany Park District; William F. Keating, from Foster Avenue District watch commander to homicide section commander; Richard J. McCarrie, promoted to watch commander of the Chicago Lawn District; James E. O'Grady, promoted from watch commander to commander of the Prairie Avenue District; and Thomas M. Hanley, from the task force to director of the youth division.

La. Fred Rice, who has been commanding officer of the gang intelligence unit, was promoted to commander of the Fillmore

District. A district commander job is an exempt position and need not be filled by a captain. Exempt positions are outside the civil service structure and may be filled by appointment by the superintendent without consideration as to rank.

Three of the 24 lieutenants promoted to captain were assigned to exempt positions. They are William J. Woods, from the license section, where he was a driver for Mayor Daley, to Gresham District commander; Eugene A. Nolan, from general assignments to director of labor relations; and William Olson, from the intelligence division's subordinate section to director of the

vice control division. The 21 other lieutenants promoted to captain will not be assigned until they have completed a course in the training academy.

They are James C. Kenny, William H. Dwyer, John E. Harris, William F. Smith, Thomas J. Nolan, Charles C. Siedlecki, Thomas E. Kernan, Norman F. Schmitz, Paul L. John C. Grentzner, Paul L. Quinn, Joseph T. Mildice, William J. McCarthy, Fred C. Ingham, Robert E. Sheehan, Carl Dobrich, Robert C. Nicol, Paul F. Moss, Edmund F. Dobbs, Joseph J. Healy, Daniel W. Corbooy, and William T. Hoban.