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The Fifth Estate, The Free Press, The News and the Michigan Chronicle have all been ordered by Recorder's Court Judge Joseph A. Gillis to produce in court all articles mentioning Arville "Joe" Garland, the man who killed his daughter and her three freck friends last Spring. It's not clear what the purpose for the subpoena is, but probably the defense wants to argue that the pre-trial publicity was such that Garland cannot get a fair trial. . . As predicted by this column, The Detroit News has junked The Other Section. Their motivation for producing the "youth oriented" supplement came clear in Editor Martin Hayden's explanation for its discontinuation. He said, "The direct cost . . . totaled \$485,000 annually. It produced little or no compensating advertising revenue." . . . Chronic absenteeism has the auto companies so disturbed that the Chrysler Mound Road plant, out of desperation, is offering workers Gold Bell Gift Stamps for good work attendance. . . WKNR-FM has been beaten in the battle of the Detroit progressive rock stations and will change its format to a different sound about Dec. 1st. . . WABX station manager, John Detz, says the reason they broadcast the right-wing program "Life Line", daily at 7:00 a.m., is that it allows them to give radical groups "equal time" for their activities later in the day. . . Creem, Detroit's magazine of rock and roll, has a current issue out with a single by Mitch Ryder attached to the front page. You can subscribe for a year for \$5 and receive free the new Stooges' album from 3729 Cass, Detroit 48201. . . Bob Rudnick, a DJ who has been fired from three FM radio stations including WABX for crazed programming, was named Professor of Communications at Goddard College in Vermont. But, unfortunately, he didn't last long. The ex-communications minister of the White Panther Party was pronounced "dead" at the campus infirmary from an overdose of heroin (slipped in his body by the CIA, according to Rudnick), but recovered, quit in disgust

and is now back in Chicago looking for work. . . The Eastown Theatre bought an ad in the Detroit Police 44th annual Field Day program. . . The White Panther Party has gone international. According to IT, a paper from London, the Panthers have established their first chapter in the United Kingdom. . . Police were happy to recover General Motors Chairman James Roché's stolen limosine, but they were embarrassed that the thief had been able to roll up 109 miles on it. Whoever took the dark blue, specially equipped \$9,000 caddy had tooled around the city for three days without being detected. When found, all of the car's goodies were intact, including a two-way radio, but the spare tire was missing. . . License renewals of all Detroit-area TV stations have been challenged by The Interfaith Center for Racial Justice on the basis that their programming is racist and does not adequately serve the black community. The challenge has the station man-

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agements going up the wall, but it is expected that the Federal Communications Commission will approve the renewals after negotiations between the stations and the Interfaith group. . . Going trick or treating this Halloween? Local dime stores are featuring "hippie" costumes for 49 cents. It consists of a "flower power" cape with "eerie and colorful designs" and a bearded mask. "Wonderful value for little goblins." . . . Recently the proprietor of Shirley's Adult Bookstore on Gratiot, in Roseville, was charged with the sale of obscene literature. Although the case was settled when the prosecutor persuaded the owner to close the shop, it was discovered that someone at the Macomb County Circuit Court Building had made off with the alleged obscene evidence. . . Support by labor bureaucrats for the Oct. 31st anti-war march evaporated when democratic candidates like Sander Levin put pressure on them to withdraw as sponsors. Mort Furay of the Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Workers Union, tried to convince the Detroit Coalition to End the War Now to hold the

march after the elections, but the group felt it couldn't subjugate itself to the needs of the party responsible for the war. There was some support to postpone it if the bureaucrats would agree to put the full resources of their labor organizations behind a re-scheduled one, but Furay would not give such a commitment. . . Psychedelic culture has finally become recognized as legitimate. Detroit's own Stanley Mouse, whose flamed and pin-striped cars adorned Woodward and James Couzens in the '50s, whose monster sweatshirts were seen at every local fair across the country, and who created the ballroom poster era at San Francisco's Fillmore and Avalon Ballrooms, has a show of his works at the Detroit Institute of Arts. There are his posters, record jackets (Hendrix, Leary, Grateful Dead), sweatshirts, but unfortunately, none of his bizarre auto painting. It will be at the Institute until Nov. 8. . . Dick Songer, promoter of the Goose Lake Rock Festival, has been indicted by a Jackson County Grand Jury on four counts of sales and possession of narcotics at the Festival held last August. Songer says he will fight the charges and win. One of the things he might do is see about bailing out some of the people still being held in the Jackson County Jail who were arrested on dope charges after the festival. . . Starting From The Bottom Dept.: Mike Quatro says his profitable career as a hip capitalist promoter is over. "I'm making my living as a musician," he says, with a three-man group called "Jam Band." (However he says he still "consults" with rock promoters for a salary.) Quatro lives in Grosse Pointe and drives a Cadillac limousine with chauffeur, but fears his "bad image" in the Detroit area (remember last year's Black Arts Festival?) will impair his ability to make money.

Black women haven't been brought up to take positions of responsibility. —Lurleen Romney Oct. 19, 1970

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