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Subject: Arming of Administrative Police Section.
with pro + con of the 45 automatic vs. shotgun.

² For arming the administrative police the shotgun has many points in its favor over the 45 automatic pistol that has the official approval from the Washington office. At the initial request for arming the Administrative Police it was thought that the manning of the Towers on the divisional center line fence would be a function of the W.R.F. and therefore the need for heavy calibre rifle. Since the army has been assigned this function I concur in the thought that there is no need for the heavy calibre rifle in our set up.

I am taking the liberty to list for your information a few of the advantages of the sawed off shotgun over the .45 calibre automatic for our specific need and specialized problem.

1. The 45 shoots a ball, full jacketed missile that will skip & ricochet about for many hundreds of yards and is dangerous to persons other than those

in the trouble ^{and immediate} area. The shotgun is more or less dispelled at the first point of impact and is not dangerous beyond that point.

2. The missile from the 45 can kill one and more persons ~~after~~ at a distance of 1000 yards, and under certain conditions even a greater distance. The kinetic energy stored within a 45 automatic is tremendous and is not as easily

3. ~~The missile~~ ^{dispensates} as that of the shot gun. The shot gun range is not over 100 yards. (with sq. 7 chilled shot)

3. If hit with a 45 ^{calibre} auto, ^{results} least a ^{serious} severe casualty case and in the majority of cases a death. Beyond approximately 50 yards a shot gun hit (sq. 7 chilled) would only result in a slight casualty case and in only a few exceptional cases will death be the result.

4. If controlled shot for disabling ^{wounding} etc. can more effectively be achieved with a shoulder gun (of which a shot gun is a type) than with a 45 ^{cal} automatic pistol. Greater accuracy ^{and fire control} is achieved more in the use of a shoulder arm over a hand arm especially in the hands of an inexperienced person.

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5. Psychologically the shotgun has a greater affect than the 45 cal. auto.
6. In the event that a gun was taken away the shotgun would be the hardest to obtain, the hardest to conceal and in the event that evanees were to try to use it in a retaliation the person using same would most readily be discernable and subject to apprehension if not prevented in the use of same.
7. The manipulations ^{and operations} necessary to make ready for firing a shot gun is much longer than with the 45 cal. auto and much thought can pass thru the minds of the adversary and protector that would assist in preventing any overt acts on the part of both.
8. The 45 cal. would be used only as a reserve arm as is the function even in the army.

I believe it is essential that some discussion be given to the present situation and conditions

at this center. At the present time we have a divided camp (anti & pro, status quo) and has resulted in a group solidarity where an internal upheaval may result. Previously many thoughts were expressed and argued upon and no one was hurt. However, the divided camp has resulted in strengthening of each and which the colonists are aware of. A keen smart individual could pull the two factions together on a platform that, ^{in the last analysis} the Administration is solely responsible for the cleavage and thus unite the opposing groups into one common cause that would result in another incident of a more greater consequence than the last.

The present Coordinating Committee while they were in favor of lifting the curfew, wanted to be assured that the army would not be withdrawn and that the army's patrol of the area would continue. They wanted to be sure that the existence of control ^{that} could be put into effect on a moment's notice and that "present ability" was existent at all times. For the good of the center the colonists ~~want~~ themselves want an existent present ability to control

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possible recalcitrants or those that are
minded-minded.

Also a necessary "make ready"
for the army to relinquish all function ^{center} in the
will be in the uniforming of the Administrative
Police Department. Psychologically it will
be a tremendous advantage on part of the
Colonists as well as the Administrative Police.
We merely have to think of our own attitudes
in being stopped & questioned by a civilian
dressed policeman in contrast to one in
uniform.

At the present writing no ~~difference~~ ^{in the actual} ~~of the~~
Colonial section of the center change has been
made in the Colonial Police section with
respect to the function before the incident. The
only difference is a greater interest in the
Colonial Police section than before segregation.

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