



# TIC TOC

September 1969

## MORE THAN 300 TO ATTEND DINNER DANCE

More than 300 staff members and guests will attend the annual dinner dance at the Hartford Hilton on Saturday, Oct. 4.

There will be a reception at 6:45 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 and dancing. Music will be by the Landerman Orchestra.

## NEWSMEN, PHOTOGRAPHERS DODGED BOTTLES DURING DISTURBANCES

The WTIC News-Photo crews came through the Labor Day Hartford disturbances slightly bruised and tired but with no major problems.

Newsman Paul Hayes and photographer Wayne Wood were sprayed with glass and shaken on the first night of trouble when the car in which they were riding was hit by a whiskey bottle which went through the rear window. News Director Paul Kuntz noted the guy who threw the bottle really must have been angry because it was at least partially full of liquor and a good brand at that.

The next day Ken Venit was hit in the back by a flying rock, but again, no serious injury. Venit, Dwyer, Wood and several other newsmen and photographers suffered some mild effects of tear gas during the trouble, but again no serious damage.

News Director Paul Kuntz has asked TIC TOC to relay his personal thanks to the entire news and photo staffs, the many radio engineers, producers and other staffers who helped provide our coverage.

Kuntz also noted: "I would also like to thank the announcers, engineers and many others who let me know they were ready and willing to do anything that had to be done. It made me feel very good knowing the entire staff was ready to pitch in and help."

## NEWSPAPERS PRINT EDITORIALS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH

WTIC Radio and Television editorials are being printed in Connecticut newspapers.

On Sept. 5, "The Waterbury Republican" printed a WTIC TV and Radio editorial that called upon the voters to be wary of candidates who talk a great deal about law and order and crime in the streets without proposing solutions.

On Sept. 7, "The Hartford Times" printed a Spanish translation of an editorial plea for tolerance in the wake of rioting in Hartford's black and Puerto Rican neighborhoods the previous week. The editorial had been read in English and Spanish on the stations Sept. 4 and 5. It appears below.

WTIC-TV and Radio have been editorializing since May. The first editorial, on the destruction of the English language by campus radicals, was printed in "The Congressional Record."

## SEPTEMBER 4 EDITORIAL

Of the more than 60,000 black and Puerto Rican residents of Hartford, about 400 were arrested during the riots that plagued the city earlier this week.

These figures are significant. Four hundred out of more than 60,000. Take away those 400 and you still have nearly 60,000 people--innocent people who were the prime victims of the riot. They live there. These are the people whose frightened children were heard crying in the night. These are the old men and women who were terrorized by the mobs. These are the small businessmen who saw a lifetime of work go up in flames. These are the people for whom we should have the greatest compassion.

The vast majority of Hartford's black and Puerto Rican citizens are decent, law-abiding men and women who have suffered at the hands of a few.

As a result of the terrible events of this week, you can already hear those eager to condemn all of our black citizens and all of our Puerto Rican citizens. When you hear talk of this kind, remember the people who are trying to lead decent, productive lives despite tremendous disadvantages.

Don't let the riot be used as an excuse by those who want to inflame anti-Negro and anti-Puerto Rican sentiments. Don't let the riot be used as an excuse for slowing down the progress that has been made. Let's leave justice in the hands of the authorities. The guilty will be punished.

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

(The following is one of dozens of letters from viewers and listeners in response to the stations' new policy of editorializing.)

Dear Mr. Patricelli:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend WTIC for recently taking strong and vigorous editorial positions.

I believe that television editorials are in the public interest and am particularly pleased to see Channel 3 using its influence and broadcast power to become involved in community affairs.

I particularly commend you for your position on gun control and recently on law and order candidates. The latter editorial was one of the finest presentations that I have ever heard on the subject. If possible I would appreciate receiving a copy of the "law and order candidates" editorial.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

William Olds  
Willimantic, Connecticut

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Yes, riot is an ugly word. Backlash is just as ugly.

PLAZA GARDEN SHOW  
ATTRACTS 60,000

Approximately 60,000 persons visited Constitution Plaza during the 1969 Plaza Garden Fair, Sept. 13 through 20.

The Fair, Connecticut's largest outdoor garden show, is sponsored each year by Broadcast-Plaza, Inc.

Mrs. Richard G. Willard is chairman and Rufus Coes is the Fair's director. Frank Atwood serves as chairman of indoor displays and Ludwig Hoffman is chairman of outdoor displays.

MISS WENDY DUFFIE  
WEDS GEORGE EHRLICH

Miss Wendy Duffie of New Hyde Park, Long Island and George Erlich of Hartford, were wed Sept. 4 in Bloomfield.

Justice of the Peace Philip Schwartz performed the ceremony.

Mr. Ehrlich is Sports Director of WTIC and Miss Duffie is a prominent golfer in the Long Island area.

