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CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON FOR RELEASE: WEEK OF SEPT. 18, 1967

CRIME RISE SERIOUS

Statistics issued last week by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, showed that overall crime has risen by 17% during the first six months of 1967, over the same period in 1966.

Crimes of violence increased as a group by 18%, with robbery up 30%, murder 20%, aggravated assault 11%, and forcible rape 7%. Auto theft was up 19% over a year ago, while larceny \$50 and over was up 16%.

Medium Sized Cities Hardest Hit

Cities with populations between 500,000 and one million registered the greatest rise in crime, with a 23% increase in the reported offenses. Rural areas had a 15% increase, while the suburbs had a rise of 18%. Most surprising is the fact that the largest cities had the remarkably low increase in crime of only 7%. Throughout the nation, the increase in criminality was rather uniform, with no section of the United States much harder hit than any other.

Translated into recurrence rates, there occurred in the United States during the first half of this year one murder every hour, one robbery every 30 seconds, and an auto theft every minute, 24 hours a day.

Statistics Show Contempt

These startling statistics of crime are just another indication of the general contempt toward law and order that is becoming prevalent in our society. The statistics of crime here reported are in addition to the rioting and looting that we experienced during this long hot summer. The United States cannot term itself a great society, or even an adequate society, until positive steps are taken by the government at all levels to curb the rash of lawlessness that has befallen us.