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**OVERNIGHT WORK** — The words "Free Assata," referring to JoAnne Chesimard, who is currently on trial for the murder of a N.J. state trooper, were spray painted on the side of the Middlesex County Courthouse during the night. Mrs. Chesimard prefers the name Assata Shakur. Another part of the building also was defaced by spray paint.

## Slogans cleaned from building

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Workmen were steam-cleaning spray-painted slogans in support of accused murderer JoAnne Chesimard from the outside walls of the Middlesex County Courthouse this morning and hoped to have finished the job before the start of her 9:30 a.m. court session.

Middlesex County Sheriff Joseph DeMarino said the slogans "Free Assata," "Stop the Lynching" and others were painted on the building and a nearby sidewalk between 1 and 2 a.m. today.

Assata Shakur is one of the Muslim names Mrs. Chesimard prefers to use. She is on trial for the murder of a N.J. state trooper in a 1973 gunbattle on the N.J. Turnpike.

could not see DeMarino said the 15-member jury panel the slogans.

The sequestered panel is transported on a bus with shielded windows, and is brought to the courtroom by an alternate, undisclosed route, the sheriff said.

to the early-morning arrest It is not known whether the painting is related of five Brooklyn women who were charged with posting handbills on public property.

Police said they had been pasting posters in support of Mrs. Chesimard on the county welfare offices at New Street and Livingston Avenue. One of the women also has been charged with possession of lottery slips for the Free Assata Defense Committee.

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