

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Date July 10, 1963

Commanding Officer, Special Investigation Bureau

Direct:

Picketing of apartments by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP).

On this date Prosecutor John Coury of Wayne County informed us that the law forbidding mass picketing, (copy attached), applies to apartment houses. However, Mr. Coury stated before any police action is taken a complaint should be made by a resident, the officer obtain all the necessary information, such as names, addresses, locations, etc., investigate the incident and present these facts to the Prosecutor's Office for a decision.

On July 10, 1963 a meeting was held at the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, 13118 Dexter, with ARTHUR JOHNSON, secretary of the NAACP and ABRAHAM ULMER JR., chairman of the NAAOP'S housing committee.

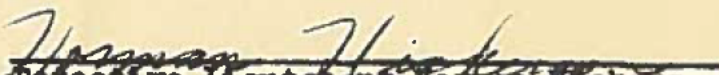
They stated their organization is going to picket twenty-five apartments and one real estate agency in the City of Detroit on July 13, 1963 about twelve noon. They expect to have fifteen pickets at each location.

A list of the locations will be furnished to the Police Department on July 12, 1963.

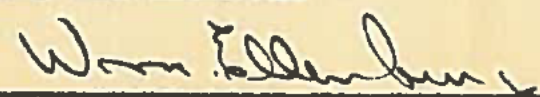
MR. JOHNSON and MR. ULMER were informed that our department would enforce the laws as interpreted by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

MR. ULMER and MR. JOHNSON stated that in their opinion it is not a violation of the law on mass picketing to picket apartments. Both gentlemen seemed to think that a court case would be decided in their favor.

At the time of this writing the Corporation Council's Office is continuing to research the Michigan State Statute pertaining to picketing and additional information will be supplemented.


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READ AND APPROVED


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