

UNION EXECUTIVE'S DAUGHTER MANHANDLED BY POLICEMEN

Promise Complete Probe

**"Innocent People
Will Be Hurt"**

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"The problem of juvenile delinquency is so bad that policing is necessary, notwithstanding the fact that innocent people will be hurt."

This is the administrative policy of Southeastern high school as stated by Asst. Principal Lawrence Doolittle to the Chronicle following the manhandling of a 12B student by members of the Detroit Police Department Thursday.

The victim of the manhandling is 18-year-old Jacqueline Springer of 3451 Beniteau.

Her record in school is without any indication of an association with or complicity in the problems of juvenile delinquency, according to Doolittle.

"I don't know of any other way to do it," said Doolittle. "We regret the incident, but mistakes are bound to be made."

On the way to school Thursday, she was stopped by the police at the intersection of Beniteau and Goethe, which is both one of the corners of the school building and less than one-half block from Jacqueline's home.

She was accused of loitering despite her statements to the contrary.

When she insisted on having her statements verified by her father who was home at the time, both policemen leaped from the patrol car, grabbed her by the hair and

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assaulted her to such an extent that her clothes were torn and her books and personal effects were strewn all over the street.

She also suffered bruises and cuts on her face and legs.

Jacqueline quoted one of the officers as saying "if you were a man, we would scatter your teeth all over the street." She was thrown into the squad car and taken to the Jefferson Station.

An officer then notified her father, Frederick Springer, executive vice president of Council 77, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Upon his arrival at the station, Springer said the officer acknowledged Jacqueline had not been at fault, that her arrest was a result of the delinquency problem in the neighborhood.

The releasing officer offered to "forget" the loitering ticket issued to Jacqueline.

When Jacqueline was released, her father noticed the condition of her clothing and the evidence of her bruises and cuts.

Further, he discovered many of her belongings at the site of her first encounter with the police.

Springer returned to Jefferson precinct and confronted Inspector Bruce Grubb with the facts and the appearance of his daughter. Grubb promised an inquiry of the police officers the following day.

On Friday morning, an officer again visited the Springer home and ex-

pressed a willingness to cancel the ticket. On Saturday, Grubb left word for Springer to call him at his home.

During the telephone conversation, Grubb told Springer he would be able to interrogate the two officers on Monday morning.

Springer mentioned a previous appointment with the school officials and when he arrived at the school Monday, police officials were already there discussing the matter with Doolittle.

When Doolittle acknowledged to Springer there was no evidence that Jacqueline was a problem student, he said "Jacqueline's manner of talking softly was probably interpreted as a form of insolence by the police."

Springer quoted Doolittle as asking him, "What do you want me to do?"

At the Station, Springer said both officers asserted that Jacqueline had assaulted them with her purse after refusing to give her full name.

Inspector Grubb said they had two witnesses who saw the entire incident but refused to divulge their names to Springer, however.

In an interview with this reporter, Grubb stated there was no grounds for the loitering ticket since Jacqueline was so close to home and obviously telling the truth.

When questioned as to why she had not been charged with assault as per the officer's story, he replied they (the officers) had forgotten to do so.