

F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E :

FROM: "AD HOC ACTION GROUP - CITIZENS OF DETROIT

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EVENT: PROTEST OF POLICE ACTION REGARDING THE COBO HALL INCIDENT -
EXONERATION OF LT. SIKURA.

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1968

TIME: 12 NOON

PLACE: 1300 BEAUBIEN - OUTSIDE

PURPOSE: TO REITERATE ONCE MORE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE
"AD HOC ACTION GROUP - CITIZENS OF DETROIT" VIEW THE
COBO HALL INCIDENT OF 13 MAY 1968. TWO MONTHS HAVE PASSED.
THERE HAS BEEN ONE EXONERATION (LT. SIKURA) AND ONE
TRIAL BOARD, PENDING (SGT WRIGHT). THE POLICE DEPART-
MENT MUST BE MADE AWARE THAT THERE IS NO THREAT THAT
WILL DETER OUR DEMAND FOR JUSTICE.

We insist that these policemen (both high-ranking
officers and patrolmen) who were responsible for brutalizing human
beings without just cause, be suspended immediately, and that
impartial JUST TRIAL BOARDS review the charges brought against them.
The exoneration of Lt. Sikura exemplifies the inabi-
lity of the Detroit Police Department to deal objectively with
itself. In France, in the late 1800's there was a man called
Drayfus. He was a scapegoat. Detroit, 1968 can't even do that.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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EVENT: THE AD-HOC ACTION GROUP WILL MAKE CERTAIN DATA ON COBO HALL I (THE INCIDENT OF POLICE BRUTALITY INVOLVING THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN) PUBLIC INFORMATION. COMMISSIONER SPREEN HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE AD-HOC STEERING COMMITTEE AT 12:00 NOON, AFTER WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO THE AD-HOC PEOPLE KEEPING VIGIL OUT IN FRONT OF 1300 BEAUBIEN.

DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 1968

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: 1300 Beaubien

PURPOSE: To make public our findings on Cobo Hall I. It is critical that the Police Department come to the realization that the community will no longer tolerate the breakdown in law and order within the Police Department. The information on Cobo Hall speaks to the existence of a "Blue Curtain" that will no longer be tolerated. We hope for a good meeting with Commissioner Spreen at 12:00 noon.