

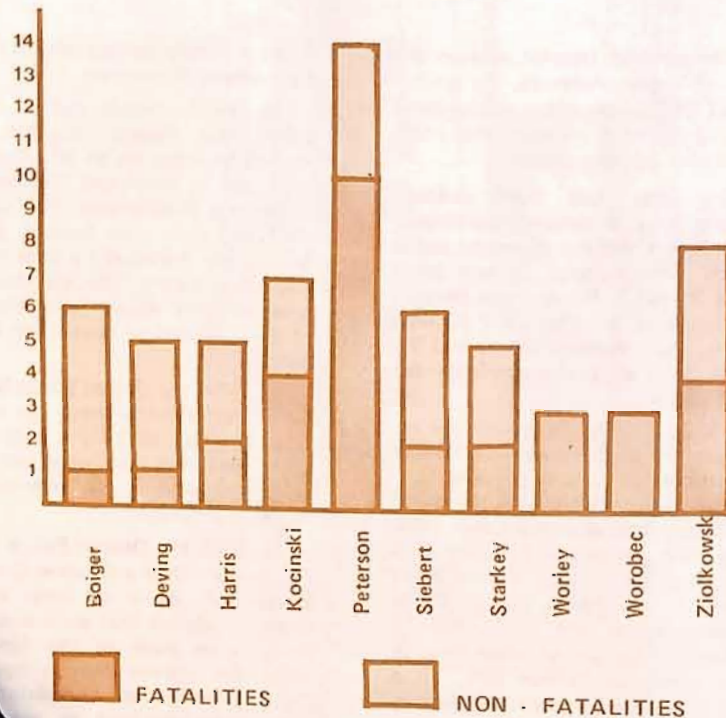
ducted of its own members. In 1968 New Detroit, Inc., evaluated the CCB and concluded that the Bureau is, for all practical purposes, worthless. The fact that more than 90% of the complaints brought to it are thrown out by the police is a significant factor in the conclusion that New Detroit reached.

One of the most brutal of the assault cases studied by New Detroit took place at the Algiers Motel during the height of the 1967 rebellion. The deaths of Carl Cooper, Auburey Pollard and Fred Temple and the nightmare of terrorism and brutality experienced by their six friends in the motel that night at the hands of three Detroit police officers appears merely

as a statistic on the records of the CCB. John Hersey, in his book *Algiers Motel Incident*, assessed the episode in its true dimensions:

"(it) contained all the themes of racial strife in the United States: the arm of the law taking the law into its own hands; the subtle poison of racist thinking by 'decent' men who deny that they are racist; the societal limbo into which so many young black men have been driven in our country; ambiguous justice in the courts."

The three officers who participated in the Algiers Motel incident have since been acquitted of any wrongdoing. The "trial" was held in Mason, Michigan.



"Let's not get involved - he might be a STRESS officer going about his job."



Into this atmosphere of permissiveness of police misconduct and brutality, STRESS was born. The date was January 13, 1971. The initials stand for Stop The Robberies, Enjoy Safe Streets. STRESS was the brainchild of Inspectors James Bannon and Gordon Smith. It was not until three months later, on April 5, 1971, that STRESS operations were revealed to the general public.

Officers in the Precinct Support Unit were transferred to STRESS without any screening whatsoever. Thus Raymond Peterson, who had 21 citizen injury contacts lodged against him already, and Michael Ziolkowski, who was at that time under trial board investigation for charges arising from alleged mistreatment of a black prisoner, automatically became members of this most elite of police undercover assault squads.

It is significant to note the involvement of these two officers in the 22 killings and 14 non-fatal shootings. Peterson was a member of STRESS crews involved in 10 of the 22 killings. He fired the fatal shot in six of these 10 fatalities. Ziolkowski was a member of a STRESS crew involved in four of the 22 killings. Both officers were implicated in five of the 14 non-fatal shooting cases.