



THE GUARDIANS OF MICHIGAN

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The Guardians of Michigan are asking once again that Commissioner Nichols disband the "infamous" unit called STRESS. Since it was organized sixteen (16) persons have died and many have been shot and wounded.

It has been stated that the mission of this unit was to reduce street crimes. The Commissioner has stated that crime has taken a big dip in the City of Detroit. If this be true why are we still hiring more policemen. In private industry when there exist no further need from maximum manpower a lay off occurs. No such action has taken place in the City of Detroit.

Commissioner Nichols and the Mayor stated after the "Rochester Incident" that as part of the provisions for putting "STRESS" back on the street would be the assignment of more supervisors and larger teams. This has been an obvious hoax as the facts will bare out. When the four STRESS officers were shot at Livernois and McNichols no supervisor was with the team. When Officer Bradford was shot to death, no supervisor was present. It should be apparent that Commissioner Nichols statements lack creditability because acts do speak much louder than his words.

Immediately after the shooting of four "STRESS" officers this "elite unit" of hoodlum policemen began a reign of terror upon the honest citizens of the Black community. The terror has included beatings, illegal arrest and illegal entry to private dwellings.

The Commissioner and his commanders responded by stating that the "community" should understand these things are necessary sometimes in the course of police work. The entry to these homes was "technically" correct.

We ask this Commissioner if this be true why haven't our suburban neighbors been subject to the same treatment as the Black citizens of Detroit? It is obvious, in the eyes of his "hoodlum cops" all Blacks are criminals regardless of their station in life.

STRESS conflict began with the narcotics Black underworld and when an officer is killed STRESS expanded their hostility to the total Black community. STRESS must be abolished now.

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