

told the officer that he wished to wait for the women, that he was on public property, not obstructing anyone and not near the scene of any disturbance. He was ordered into a nearby police car. Mr. Cox asked if he could go back up the street to get the women so that he could then leave; he was ordered into the police car. Mr. Harrison proceeded across the street to find a telephone. He was standing across the street, asking a bystander where the nearest telephone was, when the officer crossed the street and demanded that he get in the police car also. At no time was there any physical contact between the officer and any of the three; nor was there any profanity or loud talking done by the civil rights workers.

The three were taken to the Seventh Precinct, where they were booked on charges of obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duty. They were held at the Seventh Precinct until approximately 12:00 noon on Sunday. At that time they were transferred to Main Police Headquarters at 1300 Beaubien. On Monday, at about 1:00 p.m., the three were arraigned on charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duty. All posted bonds of \$500 and were released that day. Examination on the charges was set for July 22.

During the time they were in jail, the group was subjected to a variety of racial insults from police officers regarding their involvement in civil rights. Mr. Joyce's cigarette lighter was taken from him by a police officer at Main Police Headquarters and not returned. Mr. Cox was told that if there had been some real policemen at the scene instead of some rookies, he would be either in the morgue or the hospital. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Cox, both of whom are Negro, were told that they should return to Africa. One officer at the Seventh Precinct said that the whole group should be put in bags and dumped into the river. At every stage of the proceedings, the three were identified by the police in a derogatory manner as civil rights workers.

2. Their response

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THE TIME TO BE COUNTED IS NOW

Detroit has been relatively free--until recently--of violent attacks on policemen like those which have occurred in several other major cities. Detroit has seen isolated instances of bystanders cursing policemen and trying to prevent arrests, but no really serious large-scale activity of this type.

Now, however, mob action of frightening proportions has happened twice within the past few days.

First there was an assault on suburban police by teen-age party organizers, which ended with a dozen arrests.

Next, nine persons were arrested, including several civil rights organizers, after a wild struggle in which a couple of hundred pushing, shoving, brick-throwing rioters mauled a Detroit police squad. Before it was over, a dozen police cars were involved, and several policemen had been kicked, struck, and beaten.

Right out into the open there suddenly came an ugly, dangerous defiance of law...A defiance seemingly waiting like dry tinder for a spark to ignite it. In this case, the police were trying to ticket a driver for making an improper left turn...and a few civil rights spokesmen objected. In no time, according to witnesses, several hundred shouting, cursing persons swarmed to the scene and the police had to call for reinforcements.

We have been fortunate in Detroit in having Negro leaders with cooler heads than some of the hot-tempered organizers in other cities. But the time is here for Negro and White leaders alike to take a firm stand on civil disorders against the police... And open defiance of law and order.

The time is here for the Mayor, the Council members, and our Courts to give vigorous support to the use of maximum penalties for attacks on law enforcement...No matter where they occur.

We face a dangerous point in Detroit's history. There is one best way to prevent our city from becoming a prey to lawless elements, and that is to meet them with all the power of an aroused community.

The time is now.

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3. A. Our response.

The Northern Student Movement (NSM), The Adult Community Movement for Equality (ACME), and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) today announced plans for a mass demonstration at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, at the Seventh Precinct (Mack Station). The demonstration is being called to protest the unjustified arrests of 11 people in an East side disturbance last Saturday and the manner of the police in handling that incident.