

January 6, 1970

Dear Friend,

As the year 1970 begins, it is clear that all of us must analyze the events and changes of the past year and begin to create a synthesis for 1970 that reflects the objective political conditions and the level of sophistication of ourselves and the community.

To this end, we propose to begin the new year with a public meeting dealing with Repression and the Police State. Events in the last year show a pattern; a pattern of repression, a pattern of police state tactics, a pattern which each of us must prepare to deal with immediately.

On the night of January 13, 1970, in Central Methodist Church at 8 pm., three men will share with us their highly sensitive and articulate analysis and plan for action with regards to The Police, State-American Style. W.H. Ferry, Peter Nabokov and Kenneth Cockrel, each bring to this meeting expertise, experience and humanity which will provide us with the direction necessary to develop our plan of action for this most crucial social phenomenon--the police state.

This meeting is being sponsored by a number of organizations, reflecting a cross-section of political-social and economic positions (We refer to the enclosed leaflet). The fact that such diverse organizations would choose to come together around the question of a Police State is clearly indicative of the seriousness of the situation and the need for direct action before it is too late.

In Detroit, the evidence has accumulated over a number of years: the murder of Cynthia Scott, the 1967 Rebellion, Cobo Hall 1, Cobo Hall 11, the Veterans Memorial Incident, New Bethel-Judge Crockett Affair, the Cockrel Contempt Trial, the NBEDC Grand Jury investigation, the extradition proceedings against Robert Williams and the numerous incidents that do not reach the ~~at-~~attention of the media and therefore do not enter public consciousness. The national attack upon the Black Panther Party is the most clear-cut manifestation of the American Police State.

Repression and the American Police State will indeed shape this decade of the 70's. The evidence is here. The question is: Will we choose to remain insulated from what is occurring and enter another chapter in the world's history of a nation silent --a nation blind--a Nation of Genocide???

We urge you to attend this meeting.
January 13, 1970--8pm-- Central Methodist Church-- 23 E. Adams

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