

## ACME, POLICE SKIRMISH

# Traffic Arrest Sets Off Eastside Precinct Mixup

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Charges of brutality hung in the air like thunderbolts when a dispute arising Sunday after a motorist was charged with driving without an operator's license ended in Recorder's Court Monday morning with the arraignment of seven members of a local civil rights group.

The arrest of Moses Wedlow, a member of the Adult Community Movement for Equality, sparked a day-long protest which caused the arrest of seven other persons and gave birth to a three-hour demonstration at the Fifth Precinct Sunday night.

Wedlow was released on bond to appear in Traffic court. Others arrested on charges of interfering with

Some 50 persons picketed the precinct for three hours Sunday night in a demonstration called by ACME to protest what it called the "illegal arrest and beat-

ing" of the seven ACME members. ACME also charged that the arrests were attempts to crush the spirit of the group.

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## Demand Board Act on De Facto Bias in Schools

Two citizens groups, expressing grave concern about what they described as "continuing discriminatory practices" in the Detroit public schools, placed their demands before the Board of Education Tues-

The Ad Hoc Committee, with Horace Sheffield and Nelson Jack Edwards, co-chairmen of the subcommittee on Apprenticeships, serving as spokesmen, introduced a resolution in regard to the proposed pre-

# Precinct Mixup

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Police denied anyone had been beaten and said each arrest resulted from attempts of bystanders to interfere with police officers.

Insp. Paul Sheridan, 5th Precinct Commander, said the trouble began when Wedlow's car was stopped at about 1:40 a.m., Sunday, May 23, at McClendon and Kercheval for lack of proper lighting.

On stopping the car, the patrolman discovered Wedlow had no operator's license, Sheridan said, and arrested him. Three passengers in Wedlow's car reportedly used abusive language toward the arresting officer.

Sheridan said a "loud group" soon entered the precinct to inquire about Wedlow and was escorted outside. He said he told them Wedlow could post

bond as soon as he had contacted his attorney.

Sheridan said members of the group then went to the Precinct parking lot, entered an officers' car and began to tamper with it. When an officer went out to investigate proceedings, Sheridan said the officer was jumped by three men.

These three were arrested and Sheridan said another member of the group pounced on an officer in the station, attempting to free the three.

ACME members, however, claim police used "fists, feet and brass knuckles" to subdue the seven men.

Demonstrators who ringed the Precinct Sunday night claimed the Fifth Precinct force failed to provide them protection from harassment and threats of violence from bystanders.