

We, as concerned White people in the Metropolitan area of Detroit; strongly protest the brutality of the Detroit Police Department. It is precisely, the kind of unwarrented violence, as evidenced on 13 May 1968 upon the Poor People's Campaign, which creates suspicion and hatred of Police. We refuse to allow - any longer - the Black Community and the Poor People's Campaign to believe that the Police action of 13 May 1968 is representative of all Detroiters.

THEREFORE, WE DEMAND:

- 1) That the Officers:
 - a. who gave the order for excessive Police Presence at Cobo Hall, contrary to their promise
 - b. who ordered the Charge upon the Poor People's Campaign members
 - c. who brutalized persons with extreme cruelty
 - b be SUSPENDED immediately and that this suspension be made Public Knowledge. In the event that Suspension has occurred already; the Public must be made aware. Given that these men have not yet been suspended: WE DEMAND SUSPENSION.
 - 2) That a Civilian Review Board be established to investigate and act upon this Case and other Complaints against the Police Department.
 - 3) That in those Precincts which are primarily Black; the Police Department must place a qualified Black man as the Officer in charge.
 - 4) That the City of Detroit, locate and hire a qualified Black man as Police Commissioner.
 - 5) That the Black Community be represented by Black Police in proportion to the percentage of Black people within the population of Detroit.
 - 6) That the Residency Requirement stay in effect for Police Officers.
- These Demands are made to Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh and the Detroit Police Department in a spirit of Civic Pride and deep concern for our City. Further, we voice our support of similar demands put before the Mayor by Reverend Butler and Delegates from the Poor People's Campaign on Tuesday, 14 May at the City-County Building.