

# Accuses Officers of Verbal Abuse

Mrs. Lucille Davidson, 35, of 5867 Hurlbut, accused members of the Detroit Police Department of "abusing, cursing and kicking my daughter."

Mrs. Davidson said her daughter was taken into custody by the police following an altercation among teen-agers.

Mrs. Davidson said she had contacted several local and national organizations about the affair.

Deputy District Inspector Eisenhower said the matter had been referred to his department for investigation, but at this writing, no deposition of any kind had been made.

Thirteen-year-old Toni Davidson told this story:

"I was walking down Charlevoix with one of my girlfriends Thursday, Jan. 23, and we stopped to watch a fight that was going on. About the time the fight broke up we started to move away and a group of boys came running down the street.

"We tried to get out of their way but before we could move, they knocked us down and several others fell on top of us.

"When the kids started to get up off me, I felt someone grab me by the coat and start to drag me across the muddy walk. I looked up and saw it was a policeman who had me. He took me to the car and put me in it.

"When I didn't move fast enough to suit him, he kicked me. When he start-

ed to drive away, all of the other kids started yelling that he had the wrong person. As we left the scene, he said to his partner, 'Look at these black gorillas and apes fighting among themselves.'"

"When one of the girls kept calling to the policemen that they had the wrong person, the officer told the girl that 'If you don't go home, I'll kick your A -- home.'

"As we moved away, I saw one of the girls who had been involved in the fight

and I pointed her out to the officers. They stopped the car and told her to get in. They drove us to Jefferson Street Station and herded us into a little room. The two officers who brought us in left the room and came back with another officer and made several comments as to how we looked.

**A policewoman came and took our names, addresses and telephone numbers and called our parents.**

"After about an hour, my mother came and I told her what had happened. She

talked to the officer in charge who was reluctant to believe my story."

Mrs. Davidson said that when she spoke to the officer in charge, he tried to tear down her daughter's story and gave the impression that he didn't believe the incidents happened the way the child told them. He told Mrs. Davidson he would "look into the situation."

Mrs. Davidson said she is not satisfied that everything is being done to correct the situation and she may take further action.

## State Police Make Appeal For Recruits

A special appeal is being made for qualified young men interested in a career as State Troopers.

The appeal was made this week by Sgt. Adolph Ploehn, commander of the Detroit post, following Gov. Romney's recommendation that the Michigan State Police enlist 200 more troopers.

An intensive recruiting drive is now underway and prospects are informed that the State Police Department is committed to the equal employment opportunities code.

Recruits go on the payroll immediately upon entering training school, and in the trooper rank, along with regular step increases, maximum salary is more than \$7,200 annually. Promotions bring higher pay.

To be eligible young men must be between 21 and 29 years of age, single or married, not less than five feet 10 inches in height and have a high school education or is equivalent.

A small school already scheduled begins March 9, with the big school opening in May.

## Win Amnesty

DUSAKA—(ANP)—Persons convicted of political crimes before Northern Rhodesia became self-governing, will be granted official amnesty, according to Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, the country's first African prime minister, here last week.

