

A REPORT ON THE MIMS-SIMPSON CASE

The Pasadena Committee Against Police Brutality informs you of the following actions taken in the Mims-Simpson case with a view to ridding our city of brutal police officers.

In response to the protests, representing thousands of Pasadenans, that deluged the City Council as a result of the publicly administered beating of Negro youth, Maurice Simpson, in the Mims-Simpson case, the Board of Directors ordered City Manager, Don McMillan, to investigate police brutality.

February 1st: Eight delegates from our Committee held a two-hour session with Police Chief Clarence Morris. We reminded him of our earlier protests against Officer Nick Dally, who had publicly beaten Clarence Lacy, a Negro, during the past summer. Chief Morris claimed he had no word of any investigation of his department and that he had investigated the incident and concluded that the eye-witness account of a dozen young people who saw the beating was completely false.

February 6th: A delegation from our Committee attended the City Board of Directors meeting and congratulated them on ordering an investigation into police brutality. The delegates learned that the Directors "forgot" to include the investigation in their minutes of the meeting and apparently had no serious intention to investigate. Our delegates urged the Board to have a public hearing on the brutality charges. The City Directors adamantly refused our request.

February 8th: Our Committee sent spokesmen before a special meeting of the Directors, urging them to recognize National Negro History Week, as a means of strengthening racial understanding. The Directors unanimously approved official observance of National Negro History Week, but refused to set up an inter-racial committee to help Pasadenans understand the real History of Negroes in the United States.

February 13th: Our Committee rallied nearly 100 Pasadena citizens to attend the Directors meeting, where we again pressed our request that the Board of Directors hold a public hearing wherein the entire Pasadena community can hear testimony from the eyewitnesses to the Mims-Simpson case and also testimony from the arresting officers. The City Directors ignored our request, which was supported by churchmen, educators and community organizations.

OUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

\* The Directors are apparently fearful to present the Police Department for public scrutiny on the police brutality charges.

\* Maurice Simpson and Bobby Mims, who served 60-day jail sentences each, symbolize how Negroes are railroaded to jail and acquire police records that are used by the police to intimidate them.

\* We urge that your organization hear the testimony that the City Directors refused to listen to.

\* We further ask that all organizations and individuals help in removing the criminal record begun against Bobby Mims and Maurice Simpson by urging City Judge William Fox to cause their names to be removed from the police records.

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## WHAT ABOUT IT, PASADENA?

Can police officers of our city arrest two Negro youths, aged nineteen and twenty, and in defiance of the very laws they were hired to defend and uphold, assault them and beat them?

Can they?

Well, they did, to the shame of Pasadena, on the night of December 17th:

Maurice Simpson, aged nineteen, and Bobby Mims, aged twenty, were leaving a private home along about 10:30 P.M. after an evening spent with friends, when police officers arrived and said there had been a complaint that they had been making a lot of noise. One of the youths replied it wasn't so and turned back into the house to get his coat. Whereupon officers set upon him. He ran into the backyard, where they beat him and his friend.

The same brutal officer Nick Dally, who publically beat Clarence Lacy before a score of Negroes last summer, is again involved in a brutal beating of a young citizen.

Handcuffed, the youths were taken to the City Jail and "booked" on charges of disturbing the peace, resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer. Before, during and after the "booking" the youths were hit on the head, kicked about the head and body and slapped by police officers.

Frightened and confused, in fear of their lives because of threats made, and beatings administered to them by police officers, they pleaded guilty and each received a sentence of sixty days.

What about it, Pasadena? If you agree with us when we say that this is not our idea of American justice, will you help us? Help us in our fight against police brutality?

*Write your protest to City Board of Directors and Chief of Police.*

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