"Police Brutality" Covers Many Sins Committed In Name Of Law



HUMBLE OIL GRANT - Durward C. Archer, an alumnus of Howard University, second from right, returns to the Washington, D. C., campus to represent the Humble Oil & Refining Company Education Foundation and present a \$2,000 check from the Foundation to Dr. Stanton L. Wormly, Howard's acting president. At the informal presentation ceremonies, above, the Washington District of Humble's Eastern Esso Region was represented by E. Stewart Robertson, assistant district manager, left, and John D. Warren (North Carolina College, Class of '61) of the D. C. marketing staff. During the 1966-67 academic year, the Humble Foundation will contribute a total of \$345,000 to colleges and universities throughout the country.



"MISS W-S COLLEGE" - President Kenneth R. Williams crowns Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Miss Winston-Salem State College. Other persons in the picture are, l. to r. Mr. Bronsville Scott, Miss Gwendolyn Jones, Miss Loarraine Watkins and Miss Shirley Brown.

Ford Foundation Sets Up New Fund

Foundation today announced a \$1 million grant to establish a National Office for the Rights of the Indigent (NORI) -- an viding legal services for the independent national legal oranization that will test cases likely to establish basic precedents in guaranteeing the rights of the poor.

The new organization will be set up with the assistance of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., to which the grant was made. While the Fund will contribute its experience in civil rights litigation to the new organization, NORI will have a much broader mandate. It will deal with cases involving the rights of the poor regardless of race -- in welfare benefits. public housing, landlord-tenant and creditor-debtor law, for example -- that are too complex for individual lawyers or existing organizations.

At the same time the Foundation announced a \$600,000 grant to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, an organization of distinguished lawyers formed in 1963 at President Kennedy's request to help make the law operate fairly for those denied their rights because of racial prejudice. The grant will contribute towards the committee's budget over the next two years. The committee presently supports a law office in Jackson, Miss., for legal representative and litigation; a police community - relations program in Atlanta, Detroit, and Seattle; and an effort to assist state and local bar associations in educating their members in civil rights law.

The National Office for the Rights of the Indigent, which is now being set up, will be mainly concerned with the systematic

NEW YORK - The Ford testing of cases before courts and administrative agencies. Based on its own research and contacts with local offices propoor, NORI will take up cases likely to set national precedents in such fields as welfare benefits, public housing, landlordtenant and creditor-debtor law. consumer protection, and special problems in criminal, family, and juvenile law. It will also handle significant cases

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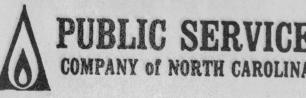
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Congressman Conyers Most Riots Caused By Police Vs. Citizens

STANFORD, Calif. - "In to-day's usage, the term 'police which originates all laws rebrutality' covers a number of sins committed against the public in the name of the law," declared Congressman John Conyers Jr. (Dem-Mich.) Nov. 30 in a speech prepared for delivery at 7:30 p. m. as a part of a week-long conference on Police Brutality at Stanford's Tressider Union, "All too often, the people most injured by the physical and psychological abuses of law enforcement officers are the members of the various minority groups in the nation's big cities."

Convers told the conference. sponsored by the Political Union of the Stanford Student Government, "None of the police forces in our major cities is truly integrated because the percentage of minority group officers is always much smaller than the minority's percentage of the general population of a given city. Since this is particularly true in the poli-. cy making levels of most police departments, it is not surprising that a member of a minority group may view the police department as an enoffices and individual practitity set up for the purpose of tioners, or supply lawyers to persecuting him. "This is only one of the rea-

will also provide funds to ensons why most of the riots which have plagued our cities during the last few years were precipitated by police versus citizens incidents which outraged the minority community," said Conyers, "In some of the riots situations, a specific action by policemen caused the rebellion on the part of righteously indignant citizens, but in others, the sheer bitterness and tension between the "law" and the community were enough to spark an open conflict.

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"Another source of irritation to the community is the reluctance of police chiefs to penalize fairly those policemen who are guilty of brutality and injustice," continued Conyers. The only Negro member of the

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general jurisdiction over law enforcement, Congressman Conyers is also a lawyer who personally handled many cases of police brutality prior to his election to office. "In too many cases," said Conyers, "guilty law enforcement officers are given only minimal punishment regardless of the nature of their offense. Only recently, a police lieutenant was fined a few hundred dollars and made to work seven days a week for six months for leading an unprovoked, unannounced and unofficial tear gas attack on a residence in my district. The men involved refused to take responsibility for the incident, yet none of them were penaliz-What is more absurd than making an already belligerent policeman work seven days a week. This is a case of making an irresponsible man a real threat." Convers concluded with a reminder that good police-com-

vising criminal statutes and has

munity relations are the responsibility of all parties. "Both police officials and minority group leaders have to work constantly to try to erase the bitterness and prejudice which the two have for each other," said Conyers, "Not only do we need better pay and benefits for policemen, more officers from minority groups and wider recruitment of officers, but we must convince qualified men from minority groups that being a member of the police force is not by definition an act of disloyalty to the

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SWAP TALK - High Point: During a break in activities at the 31st annual convention of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. held recently in Washington, D. C. (I to r) Mrs. Dorothy Shaed Proctor, Consumer representative, NCNW; Dr. Geraldine Wood, National president, Deta Sigma Theta Sorority; Mrs. T. Wilkins Davis, NCNW Liason, Woman's Auxiliary, NMA and Thomas Bell, representative of Commercial Credit Corporation, swap small talk before attending the "Youth with a Future" luncheon co-sponsored by Commercial Credit Corporation,

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