

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 22, 1965 -- ~~10~~<sup>9</sup> a.m.

Public Hearing Re. Petition of the American Civil Liberties Union for investigation of alleged Police Department practices and for establishment of a Police Review Board in the City of Seattle.

Mr. Miller, Chairman; Mr. Luke, Vice-Chairman.

All members of the City Council present (Mr. Alexander, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Eckmann, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Best, Mr. Massart, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Luke).

Mayor J. D. Braman, Members of the Human Rights Commission of the City of Seattle, and Mr. David Levine, President Emeritus of the City Council were also present.

The Committee considered:

File No. 252114, Petition of the A. C. L. U. for investigation of alleged Police Department practices.

File No. 252113, Petition of N.A.A.C.P., et al., supporting the A.C.L.U.'s petition re. alleged Police Department practices.

File No. 252130, Petition of Ben Daniels, Inland Bonding Company, et al., supporting Seattle's Police Department and charging that claims of Police brutality are unfounded and part of a national campaign.

File No. 252129, Petition of Paul K. Thompson re. alleged Police Department practices.

Mr. Alvin Ziontz, Attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, 3874 West Mercer Way, Mercer Island, Washington, presented the case for the A. C. L. U.

The following persons were called by Mr. Ziontz as witnesses:

Mr. Richard Variot, now residing in San Francisco, California

Mr. A. L. Newbould, Corporation Counsel, questioned Mr. Variot after he had completed his testimony.

Motion was made by Mr. Luke, and seconded by Mr. Best, that all witnesses be placed under oath. Motion carried.

Mr. Variot was recalled and the oath was administered by Mr. Ziontz.

The following witnesses were then called and the oath was administered by Mr. Luke, Vice-Chairman of the Council's Special Committee.

Dean George N. Stevens, University of Washington Law School, on behalf of the Seattle Urban League.

Mr. Kenneth Spencer (from Jamaica), a graduate student in Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington.

Mr. Richard Hoidal of Bremerton, Washington

The hearing recessed at 11:58 a.m. to reconvene at 1 p.m.

The hearing reconvened at 1 p.m. On a call of the roll, all members of the City Council were present.

Mr. Alvin Ziontz, Attorney for the A. C. L. U. introduced Mr. Ray Moore who attended the hearing as a member of the Washington State Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission.

The following persons then presented testimony in behalf of the petition of the A.C.L.U.:

Mr. Norman Hoppman, 2337 15th Avenue South, Seattle

Mr. James E. Saxon, Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Clayton Hostetler, 10001 31st Avenue Southwest, Seattle

Mr. Maximillian Contreras, 4335 11th Avenue Northeast, Seattle

Mr. Ed Wood, 4228 12th Avenue Northeast, Seattle

Professor Ernest Barth, University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Professor William J. Chambliss, University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Mrs. E. June Smith, President of the Seattle Branch, N.A.A.C.P., 2310 E. Pine St.

The Committee recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 p.m.

The following persons then presented testimony in behalf of the petition of the A.C.L.U.:

Mr. Philip Burton, Attorney

The Reverend Samuel B. McKinney, Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church

Mr. Alan Froelich, Attorney

Mrs. Ola Browning (Mrs. John P. Browning), Teacher and member of the Washington State Board Against Discrimination.

The hearing concluded with comments by Mr. Alvin Ziontz, Attorney for the A.C.L.U. and Mr. Seymour Kaplan, speaking for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Special Committee then rose, reported progress and begged leave to sit again at a time and day to be set at a later date in order to hear from the other side.

The Special Committee rose at 4:40 p.m.

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List of Exhibits presented at the hearing are as follows:

- No. 1 Release of RICHARD H. HOIDAL (given in consideration of the Order of Dismissal in the case of The City of Seattle vs. Richard H. Hoidal, King County Cause No. 40789).
- No. 2 Copy of Letter dated January 13, 1965, of Ward C. Miles, M.D., General Practice Section, Group Health Clinic Medical Staff, 200 15th Ave. E., Seattle -- re. Mr. Richard H. Hoidal.
- No. 3 Copy of Letter dated August 14, 1964, of Will W. Lee, M. D., 3315 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle -- re. Norman Hoppman.  
Copy of
- No. 4 /Report entitled "Investigation of Police Booking Practices in the Seattle Jail"-- inquiry initiated by the Due Process Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union - period of Jan. 1, 1963 to June 30, 1963 selected for sampling.
- No. 5 Copy of Report of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Police Practices, dated January 5, 1956.
- No. 6 Copy of Report entitled "Structures of Civilian Complaint Review Boards, New York City Weiss Bill and other models"
- No. 7 Booklet entitled "With Justice For all" -- a guide for law enforcement officers - published by Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New York, and International Ass'n. of Chiefs of Police, Washington, D. C. (Copyright '59'63)

Exhibits continued:

- No. 8 Affidavit of John Albert Cherry, Jr., dated January 21, 1965  
Affidavit of James Fox, dated November 16, 1964  
Affidavit of Loren Hoviland, dated November 10, 1964
- Affidavit of Murrell Trimble, dated November 11, 1964  
Statement of Frank Houston, dated June 10, 1964  
Affidavit of Beth Lee Blakely, dated November 24, 1964
- Affidavit of Christopher Kirschner, dated September 10, 1964  
Affidavit of Robert Gross, dated September 10, 1964  
Affidavit of Victor Fimia, dated September 10, 1964
- Affidavit of Peter Caka, dated September 10, 1964  
Affidavit of Leon Dumas, dated October 16, 1964

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