



Cambridge Tenants' Organizing Committee

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We, the members of the Cambridge Tenants' Organizing Committee, are appalled at the instances of police brutality and racism in the Cambridge Police Department. We are equally distressed at the lack of corrective action taken by the City Council. We therefore have made certain policy decisions which we will institute to our fullest capacity.

First, we support the demands brought up before the City Council by the Coalition to Combat Racism: the setting up of a Citizens' Investigative Committee to look into the question of racism and brutality in the Cambridge Police Department, indemnity for police assault victim Clarence Anderson, and a property tax abatement for the Price family. If these demands are not met, we see no reason for keeping on the city payroll anyone who opposes the instituting of these demands.

CTOC itself is taking an active role in gaining support for these demands among the tenants of Cambridge through our contacts with the local tenant unions. Furthermore, whether or not an investigative committee is set up, we will not close our eyes to further instances of racism or brutality.

Therefore, we at CTOC demand that the City Council take immediate action toward remedying the conditions that now exist in the Cambridge Police Department.

Transmitted by the membership on October 6, 1974 through the CTOC Office Manager.

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