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ARE POLICEMEN PIGS?

ARE POLICEMEN "PIGS"? TO HEAR THE TAUNTS  
OF SOME DEMONSTRATORS, ONE MIGHT BE LED TO  
BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MOVED FROM THE VIETNAM  
AVIARY TO THE BARNYARD. HOWEVER, HUMOROUS THE  
IMAGERY, THE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE AND  
LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS A MOST  
SERIOUS MATTER AND VERY SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR NATIONAL  
CRISIS. THE POLICEMAN HAS BECOME A UNIVERSAL SYM-  
BOL LAUDED BY SOME, DESPISED BY OTHERS, IGNORED  
BY NONE.

WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT THE 1960's AFTER OUR  
PASSIONS HAVE COOLED, MANY OF OUR ATTITUDES WILL

HAVE BEEN

HAVE BEEN MOLDED BY THE POLICEMAN, WHO HAS  
BEEN SO INVOLVED IN THE TURBULENCE AND ANXIETY OF  
OUR TIMES. THE RHETORIC AND THE EMOTIONS GENERATED  
HAVE OVERSHADOWED THE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS OF  
PRESERVATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND THE ADMINISTRA-  
TION OF EQUAL JUSTICE.

BY LAW AND TRADITION, OUR SOCIETY HAS  
ENTRUSTED TO THE POLICE ENORMOUS POWERS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY HAVE THE POWER AND THE  
AUTHORITY TO KILL, TO INJURE AND TO ARREST. THEY  
HAVE THE POTENTIAL WITHIN THEIR RANK TO UNITE OR  
DIVIDE COMMUNITIES. THEY CAN CAUSE RACIAL DISTURB-  
ANCES, OR BE A CAUSE OF RACIAL UNDERSTANDING.

THEY CAN--

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THEY CAN--AND HAVE--BROUGHT ORDER TO THE CAMPUS,  
OR TURNED IT INTO A BATTLE GROUND, AS HAS HAPPENED  
AT BERKELEY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE, AND HARVARD.

THE POLICE CONSTITUTE A VERY IMPORTANT AND  
POWERFUL FORCE IN OUR SOCIETY. IN MANY WAYS THEY  
ARE MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN SENATORS AND CONGRESS-  
MEN FOR THE EFFECTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE  
IMMEDIATE, DIRECT, HIGHLY VISIBLE AND PROVOCATIVE.

GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ACHIEVED ONLY AT  
GREAT SACRIFICE BY MEN OF SELFLESS DEVOTION TO  
DUTY--MEN OF VALOR AND VIRTUE --- TOO INFREQUENTLY  
RECOGNIZED. OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS MUST

HAVE--AND MUST

HAVE--AND MUST DESERVE--THE PUBLIC RESPECT. THE  
ATTITUDE OF A PEOPLE TOWARD THEIR POLICE IS ALSO  
A BAROMETER OF THEIR REGARD FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS RISKY BUSINESS. A POLICE-  
MAN'S CHANCES ARE ONE IN TEN THAT HE WILL BE  
ASSAULTED--PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED--SOME TIME THIS  
YEAR. TOO OFTEN THAT ASSAULT IS CARRIED OUT BEFORE  
THE EYES OF IMPASSIVE BYSTANDERS, OTHERWISE  
RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, WHO DON'T LIFT A FINGER TO  
HELP.

OUR CITIZEN'S TOO OFTEN SEEM TO FORGET THAT  
LAW ENFORCEMENT IS EVERY MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY AND  
NOT A CONTEST BETWEEN POLICE AND CRIMINAL--NOT A  
GAME OF COPS AND ROBBERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE BUT A

SPECTATOR INTEREST.

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THIS IS DEEPLY DISTURBING. IN A DEMOCRACY,  
THE PRESERVATION OF LAW AND ORDER--WITH JUSTICE--  
IS EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY--AND IN HIS  
INTEREST. CLAMOR FOR LAW AND ORDER WILL HAVE A  
HOLLOW RING UNLESS IT IS MATCHED BY PUBLIC SUPPORT  
FOR THOSE WHO MUST BEAR THE CHIEF BURDEN OF ITS  
ENFORCEMENT.

IF THE POLICE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE RESPECT  
AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY MUST FIRST HAVE  
THE SUPPORT OF ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS--THE POLITICAL  
OFFICEHOLDERS OF THAT COMMUNITY. AND I WANT YOUNG  
AND OLD TO RESPECT THE MAN WHO WEARS THE

POLICEMAN'S BADGE--

POLICEMAN'S BADGE--NOT MERELY BECAUSE HE WEARS  
IT, BUT BECAUSE HE WEARS IT WITH HONOR.

THE POLICE HAVE COME UNDER MASSIVE  
ATTACK RECENTLY BY SOME AMERICANS, WHO BLAME  
THEM FOR BRUTALITY IN CHICAGO, AND FOR FAILURE  
TO BRING RACIAL HARMONY IN DETROIT, MEMPHIS,  
OR CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

THEY ARE BLAMED FOR FAILURE TO HALT OUR  
RISING CRIME RATE AND FOR THE BURGEONING DRUG  
PROBLEM.

ARE WE BEING FAIR TO OUR POLICE? I THINK NOT.

THE POLICEMAN HAS AS HIS PRIME RESPONSIBILITY,  
THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AND THE APPRE-  
HENSION OF THE PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL ACTS.

BUT THE POLICEMAN

BUT THE POLICEMAN IS ALSO EXPECTED TO BE AS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE LAW AS A LAW PROFESSOR. HIS ACTIONS AND THE EVIDENCE HE GATHERS MUST BE UPHELD IN COURT--AND HE HAS NO TIME TO DO RESEARCH AND WRITE A LEGAL BRIEF.

THE POLICEMAN IS EXPECTED TO BE A HUMAN RELATIONS EXPERT. A SOCIOLOGIST, AS WELL. HE MUST KNOW THE CUSTOMS AND HABITS OF EACH ETHNIC GROUP. HE MUST UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS AND THEIR INTER-RELATIONSHIPS.

IN ADDITION HE MUST BE A PSYCHOLOGIST AND A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT. HE MUST JUDGE THE SANE FROM THE INSANE--AND HIS LIFE, OR THAT OF ANOTHER, MAY DEPEND ON HIS JUDGMENT.

THE POLICE MUST

THE POLICE MUST BE A DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
EXPERT. HE MUST DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN A FAMILY  
ARGUMENT AND A POSSIBLE CAPITAL CONFRONTATION  
AND PLAY THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR WELL.

THE POLICEMAN MUST BE FATHER CONFESSOR TO  
THE BOY OR GIRL WHO NEEDS AN UNDERSTANDING FRIEND  
AND COUNSELOR, OR A SUBSTITUTE PARENT.

THE POLICEMAN MUST BE AN URBAN AFFAIRS  
EXPERT. HE MUST ANSWER OR DIRECT INQUIRIES, KNOW  
CITY CODES AND REGULATIONS, AND UNSNARL TRAFFIC  
JAMS.

AND THE POLICEMAN MUST BE A MUSCLEMAN AND  
JUDO EXPERT. HE MUST HOLD THE MOST VIOLENT--AND  
HE MUST RESTRAIN THEM WITHOUT INJURY TO THEMSELVES

AND OTHERS.

AND OTHERS.

HIS DECISIONS MUST BE INSTANTANEOUS. THEY ARE  
OFTEN IRREVERSIBLE.

MANY CITIZENS EXPECT TO HIRE THIS SUPER-HUMAN  
FOR \$500 A MONTH.

I BELIEVE THAT PART OF THE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE  
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DUE TO THE SHEER SIZE OF THE  
BURDEN WE HAVE THRUST UPON OUR POLICE FORCE. NO  
OTHER FORCE IN THE WORLD IS REQUIRED TO SHOULDER  
EQUIVALENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

IN SOME OF OUR CITIES, THE SITUATION IS EXTREMELY  
CRITICAL. I WAS RATHER DISMAYED BY PRESIDENT NIXON'S  
PROPOSED SOLUTION TO CRIME IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IT  
WENT LITTLE FARTHER THAN ASKING FOR ONE THOUSAND  
MORE POLICEMEN--AT A TIME WHEN THERE ARE ALREADY

EIGHT HUNDRED

EIGHT HUNDRED VACANCIES ON THE FORCE WHICH CANNOT  
BE FILLED.

IN A TIME WHEN WE NEED THE BEST MEN AND  
WOMEN AVAILABLE, WE FIND A LOWERING OF RECRUITING  
STANDARDS TO ATTRACT CANDIDATES.

SIMPLISTIC PROPOSALS SUCH AS MERELY ADDING  
MORE MEN TO THE FORCE ARE HIGHLY DANGEROUS  
BECAUSE THEY IGNORE THE MANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE PRESENT CRISIS.  
THEY ENCOURAGE OUR PEOPLE TO THINK THAT THESE  
COMPLEX PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED BY THE MERE  
ADDITION OF MORE MEN AND GREATER FORCE.

IF WE WANT A POLICE SYSTEM FIT FOR TODAY AND  
TOMORROW, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO MORE THAN

INCREASE THEIR NUMBER

INCREASE THEIR NUMBER. WE CAN'T EXPECT A COLLEGE GRADUATE TO WALK A BEAT FOR \$500 PER MONTH. WE CAN'T EXPECT MEN OCCUPYING POSITIONS OF SUCH TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL OUR DEMANDS WITHOUT TRAINING OR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION. IN HAWAII A POLICEMAN STARTS OUT ON THE FORCE AS AN APPRENTICE, BUT WITH REGULAR DUTIES. THE SITUATION IS SIMILAR IN OTHER AREAS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY.

IN SOME CITIES, THERE ARE POLICEMEN BASICALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE PEOPLE WHOM THEY OSTENSIBLY PROTECT, AND AS A RESULT RACIAL FRICTION IS INCREASED. WE FIND SOME POLICEMEN WITH A TEMPERMENT UNSUITED TO THE DEMANDS OF THEIR WORK

AND PRONE TO

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AND PRONE TO UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE. THESE ARE  
ESTABLISHED FACTS.

BUT THE EXISTENCE OF A FEW UNWORTHY INDIVIDUALS  
DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE POLICE SHOULD BE DAMNED ANY  
MORE THAN THE DANGEROUS ANTICS OF SOME DEMON-  
STRATORS JUSTIFIES THE SUPPRESSION OF ALL DISSENT AND  
PROTEST.

WE IN HAWAII HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY BLESSED  
BY A FINE, ABLE, EFFICIENT FORCE HEADED BY COM-  
PETENT, IMAGINATIVE ADMINISTRATORS. WE HAVE VERY  
LITTLE OF THE RACIAL TENSIONS AND ANIMOSITIES THAT  
HAVE TOUCHED OFF RIOTS IN SOME OF OUR MAJOR CITIES  
ON THE MAINLAND. OUR CRIME RATE THOUGH SERIOUS, IS  
NOT AS GREAT AS IN MANY. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE

FACTS SHOULD

FACTS SHOULD MAKE US ANY LESS CONCERNED OR LESS  
DILIGENT IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS  
AND RECRUITMENT OF POLICEMEN.

THERE ARE NO PANACEAS TO THE PROBLEM OF  
ALIENATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND SOME GROUPS WITHIN  
OUR SOCIETY. ANY SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE A LONG-TERM  
COMMITMENT BY US TO USE OUR RESOURCES TO IMPROVE  
POLICE PAY, AND RECRUITING PRACTICES; TO INCREASE  
THE NUMBER OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS; TO INSTITUTE  
PRE-JOB TRAINING AND PROGRAMS THROUGH WHICH POLICE-  
MEN WITH EXPERIENCE CAN KEEP ABREAST OF THE NEWEST  
DEVELOPMENTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT; TRAINING IN THE  
SOCIAL SCIENCES, SO THAT THEY WILL BETTER UNDERSTAND  
THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE; AND FINALLY, TO INTEGRATE  
THE POLICE MORE FULLY INTO THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THROUGH COMMUNITY

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THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS TO ACQUAINT  
CITIZENS WITH THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE POLICE.

THERE ARE, TO BE SURE, SOME CITIES THAT  
ARE ALIVE TO THE PROBLEM AND HAVE MADE A GREAT  
EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN POLICE AND COM-  
MUNITY. THIS EFFORT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN ON A  
NATIONAL SCALE IF WE ARE TO MAKE LIFE MORE SECURE  
FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

THE ATTACK ON THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE  
BITTER FEELINGS BETWEEN THE GROUPS WITHIN OUR  
SOCIETY WILL NOT SUCCEED UNLESS WE ALSO MOVE TO  
CORRECT THE ILLS THAT SPAWN LAWLESSNESS. THE SLUMS,  
SOCIAL MINORITIES, AND RACIAL TENSIONS MUST BE  
ERADICATED IF OUR PROGRAMS ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

WE CANNOT MAKE

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WE CANNOT MAKE THE POLICE OUR "FALL GUY" OR BLAME THEM FOR SOCIETY'S FAILURES.

OUR DEMANDS ARE MANY AND GREAT.

A POLICEMAN IS REQUIRED TO DO THINGS MOST OF US WOULD FIND REPREHENSIBLE. HE MUST BE A PEEPING TOM. HE MUST CULTIVATE STOOLIES. HE MUST SPEND HIS WORKING HOURS DISPROPORTIONATELY IN THE WORST PART OF TOWN. HE MUST DAILY LOOK UPON UGLINESS, UPON THE DRUNK, THE DRUGGED AND THE DEGRADED. HE MUST DEAL WITH THE CHEAT, THE CROOK, AND THE CONTEMPTIBLE. HE MUST WORK NIGHTS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS. HE MUST BE OUT IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER. AND HE MUST RISK HIS LIFE.

AND THEN HE MUST ALSO BEAR OUR ABUSE. WE CONDEMN HIM FOR HIS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND FOR

HIS LACK

HIS LACK OF GENTLENESS WITH OUR YOUNG. WE ABUSE HIM FOR GIVING US A TICKET FOR SPEEDING, OR GOING THROUGH A RED LIGHT. WE BLAME HIM FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION BECAUSE WE FIND HIM WHERE TRAFFIC IS CONGESTED. TO THOSE NOT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT, HE IS THE SYMBOL OF THAT ESTABLISHMENT. HE IS THE DEFENDER OF THOSE WHO HAVE IT MADE.

YES, THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE--AND MUCH THAT SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED.

WE DON'T GET GOOD POLICE BY DOWNGRADING THOSE WE HAVE.

WE DON'T GET GOOD POLICE BY FAILING TO DEVELOP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE THEM.

WE DON'T GET GOOD POLICE BY LOWERING THE

STANDARDS

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STANDARDS.

WE DON'T GET GOOD POLICE BY PAYING POOR

WAGES.

AND WE DON'T GET GOOD POLICE BY CALLING

THEM PIGS.