

There is a startling similarity between the position of the Communist Party and the positions which have been adopted by the Democratic Central Committee under the Reverend Channing E. Phillips, D.C. Democratic National Committeeman and Bruce Terris chairman of the D.C. Democratic Central Committee.

We believe the Democratic convention must answer this question, "Is it 'justifiable homicide' to kill white policemen?"

Respectfully,

Mrs. JOAN ABBOTT, *President.*

CC: President Johnson, Vice President Humphrey, Senator Eugene McCarthy, Members of the Congress, Senate District Committee, House District Committee, Mayor Walter E. Washington, Public Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy, Honorable John W. Hechinger, D.C. City Council, Honorable William S. Thompson, Chairman subcommittee on police community relations, Honorable John M. Bailey, Chairman Democratic National Committee, Press, radio, T.V.

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO CHIEF LAYTON

AUGUST 2, 1968.

HON. JOHN B. LAYTON,
*Chief, Metropolitan Police,
Municipal Center, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned, protest the intemperate demand of Bruce Terris, Chairman, Democratic Central Committee, that you resign. We hereby pledge you our wholehearted and enthusiastic support for your continued leadership as head of the finest police department in the nation.

On July 3, 1968, President Johnson said, "Washington's policemen are among the Nation's finest. In the critical hours of unrest and violence which gripped the city, they performed most difficult missions. The backbone of law enforcement in each of our communities is the policeman on the beat. In no city in America is this more true than in the District of Columbia."

You are nationally and internationally recognized as the head of one of the finest police forces in the world—unstained by scandal and special privileges. During your years as our Police Chief, negro police officers have been given new opportunities. They have been raised to rank of Inspector for the first time and have been made Captains of police precincts. The number of negro police has increased from 10% to 23%.

Bruce Terris and the Rev. Channing E. Phillips have said, "It is justifiable homicide to kill white policemen." Under their leadership the District of Columbia Democratic Central Committee has taken the same position of the Communist Party, U.S.A., which, as reported in the Letters Column of the Sunday Star Newspaper of July 28, 1968, declared on October 22, 1967, "We support the demand that black people police their own community. There can be no question of the right of black people in the U.S. to use violence to achieve change."

We will make every attempt to bring these issues to the attention of the American people and the delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago who must answer the question, "Is it justifiable homicide to kill white policemen?"

Sincerely yours,

(Signed by) Nicholas B. Addams (by permission), Chairman of Citizens Advisory Council, Precinct No. 3; Ethel W. Loveless, (Past Chairman of Citizens Advisory Council), Chairman of Executive Board, Citizens Advisory Council, Precinct No. 3; Catherine H. McCarron, President (by permission), Dupont Circle Citizens Association; and 93 individual petitioners.

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SLAYING OF POLICE DEFENDED—BLACK UNITED FRONT CALLS IT 'JUSTIFIABLE'

(By Leon Dash)

The Black United Front issued a statement yesterday describing the slaying of a District policeman Tuesday night as a "justifiable homicide."

The statement said, in part:

"The methods of self defense used by the family charged with the alleged slaying of the honky cop is justifiable homicide in the same sense that police are allowed to kill black people and call it justifiable homicide."