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# Injunction of the City of Chicago Against the Chicago Marchers the Summer of 1966

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation; ORLANDO W. WILSON, Superintendent of Police of the City of Chicago,

#### Complainants,

VS.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING;
REV. JAMES BEVEL; REV. JESSE
JACKSON; REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG;
ALBERT RABY; FRANK DITTO; ELBERT
RANSOM, also known as BERT RANSOM; REV.
WILLIAM ALVIN PITCHER; individually and
as members of THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS, and OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT; and all other persons acting by,
through or in their behalf,

Defendants.

NO.

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## COMPLAINT

Now comes the CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation, and ORLANDO W. WILSON, Superintendent of Police of the City of Chicago, and complain against the defendants:

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1. That the CITY OF CHICAC both a body corporate and politic, governmental functions and has all p to carry out and effectuate the purporthe General Assembly of the State of pality.

2. That ORLANDO W. WILSON the City of Chicago and that as su Officer of the Police Department; that administer the affairs of the Depart Officer; that it is his duty and the of the City of Chicago and its member tention to discharge the duties of their and ordinances of the State and City of the Department to preserve order, the laws and ordinances throughout the

3. The defendants are persons where groups of citizens of the United States name and style of unincorporated assources the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LETHE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL ZATIONS, and OAKLAND COMMIMPROVEMENT, for the purpose of alleged grievances under rights guard Constitution of the United States and

4. That one or more or all of the from time to time chosen as the methe an action in concert by a number of periodescribed in recent years by various marches" or "civil rights demonstration

5. More specifically, during the year of Chicago, County of Cook and State of the defendants and others organize civil rights demonstrations involving parple from the general area of Grant Parwere conducted under permit and in an streets in the downtown area of Chicago.

During the same period there wer

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marches" and "civil rights demonstrations" organized by one or more or all of the defendants and others which were conducted without parade permit. During the course of these latter marches and demonstrations there were many civil disturbances resulting in the arrest of 1,327 persons.

- 6. During the months of June, July and August, 1965 one or more or all of the defendants and others organized and participated almost daily in a "vigil" before the City Hall and other public buildings in the City of Chicago in numbers varying from ten to several hundred. During the latter part of 1965 and during the winter and spring of 1966 one or more or all of the defendants and others organized and participated in a number of other demonstrations in various areas of the City of Chicago in numbers varying from several to several hundred persons.
- 7. During the years 1965 and 1966 on the occasion of each of the marches or demonstrations referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, the Police Department of the City of Chicago in no way interfered with but rather affirmatively assisted and protected all who were engaged in said marches and demonstrations who conducted themselves in a peaceful and orderly manner.
- 8. In January of 1966 one or more or all of the defendants and others advised officials of the City of Chicago, and the news media particularly, that they intended to embark on a program of developing "creative tension" in the City of Chicago during the summer of 1966 in order to clearly articulate to the people of the metropolitan area of Chicago and of the nation as a whole the objects of their petition for redress.
- 9. During the months of June and July, 1966 in several areas of the City of Chicago, where one or more or all of the defendants and others were actively engaged in organizing the people of specific communities, namely, the Near West Side, Wabash, Lawndale, Englewood and Woodlawn, to protect against alleged violation of their civil rights, and during a period of time when one or more or all of the defendants and others were making statements, issuing news releases, appearing on other communications media and publicly corresponding with public officials for the furtherance of their announced plan of "creative tension," major civil disturbances erupted in the aforesaid areas of the City resulting in damages in excess of

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several million dollars to private and injury to 374 persons, include

- 10. In order to contain the set of Chicago, it became necessary f sist the police in containing the disturbances over 536 persons w
- 11. During the months of Judates of concern are set forth morplaint) one or more or all of the upon a procedure of organizing dividual neighborhoods of the C
- 12. The pattern of the demonstrumber of persons, usually severations one or more or all of the defend public area of a specific neighborhanting slogans, they proceed fresidewalks of the involved communing the neighborhood, where they prayers in furtherance of their objects.
- 13. This procedure has been the general area of 55th Street a Chicago, on the 23rd and 24th d day of August, 1966; in the Boga of 79th Street from Western Aver Chicago, on the 12th day of Aug August, 1966; in Jefferson Park, lo Avenue and Milwaukee in the Ci August, 1966; in Bridgeport, loc Street and Lowe Avenue, in the and 22nd days of July, and on the of August, 1966; in Marquette Parl and Kedzie Avenue, in the City of and 31st days of July, 1966, and o 1966; in Cragin area, located in the and Fullerton Avenue, in the City 7th days of August, 1966; all in of Chicago.
  - 14. On the 14th day of August,

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tors, each led by one or more or all of the defendants, went into three separate neighborhoods, Cage Park, Bogan and Jefferson Park. The neighborhoods are separated from each other by substantial distance and the times of the demonstrations were either simultaneous or overlapped.

- 15. On that date, while the several demonstrations were going on in the three separated neighborhoods, in still another neighborhood adjoining the Bogan neighborhood a severe civil disturbance involving the same subject matter arose in Marquette Park involving several hundred participants.
- 16. On the 16th day of August, 1966, six groups of demonstrators, each led, convened or organized by one or more or all of the defendants, went to six separate locations in the downtown area of Chicago, demonstrated and held prayer vigils at these locations. On the same date six groups of demonstrators, each led, convened or organized by one or more or all of the defendants, proceeded to the Jefferson Park neighborhood, arriving as darkness fell and proceeded to demonstrate until after midnight.
- 17. In each of the demonstrations set forth above in Paragraphs 13, 14, and 16 above except with respect to those marches and demonstrations held in the downtown area on August 16, 1966, large crowds of persons other than the participants in the march, varying in size from several hundred to several thousand people, gathered along the line of the march carrying signs, hooting, throwing rocks, firecrackers and other missiles at the marchers endangering the persons and property of the marchers and other citizens. Several dozen automobiles owned by the marchers and other citizens were burned or in other ways substantially damaged. Access to the sidewalks was denied to non-participating citizens, the normal flow of traffic both pedestrian and vehicular was obstructed, substantial damage was done to private property along the routes of the march and 177 persons were arrested.
- 18. During each of the marches and demonstrations referred to in Paragraphs 13, 14 and 16 above, the Police Department of the City of Chicago in no way interfered with but rather affirmatively assisted and protected all who were engaged in said marches and demonstrations who conducted themselves in a peaceful and orderly manner.
  - 19. During the period of all of the over 200 demonstrations set

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forth above in Paragraphs 5, 6, 13, 14, 15 and 16, ment of the City of Chicago was notified of the leand extent of the demonstration planned on only writing. On no other occasion was notice given witimely and verifiable.

20. This failure to give adequate notice to the has occurred despite assurances made by the Rev.

King and others that it would be given.

21. Requests that adequate notice be given the ment have been made repeatedly by Superintender recently as August 4th, 1966, Rev. Dr. King agreed notice has been received. The failure to give such in Department of the City of Chicago has resulted in waste of manpower which could and would have preventive police work as well as crime detection the City.

22. In the various demonstrations occurring in referred to above in Paragraphs 13, 14, 15 and 16 in order to protect the marchers from injury, and it the persons and property of the citizens of the Cit were neither participating in the marches or in the marchers, for the Police Department to assign the of men to special duty for the specific purpose marchers:

Gage Park	55
Bogan	173
Jefferson Park	25
Marquette Park	256
Belmont-Cragin	192
Bridgeport	8

- 23. The assignment of officers to this special du from their normal duty posts and reduced police areas where they would, under normal conditions substantial degree.
- 24. The reduction of police protection in the author than those where the demonstrations were taked in a substantial increase in the crime rate in these periods of the demonstrations. The increase in the incidents directly connected to the demonstrations

persons and property in the areas in which the demonstrations were being conducted is substantial.

- 25. The effective police patrol force during a normal period of a patrol watch is approximately 1,020 men, exclusive of detectives, traffic officers, and juvenile officers.
- 26. The burden placed upon the personnel of the Police Department to protect marches conducted at simultaneous times in widely separated areas of the City, as on the 14th day of August, 1966, in Gage Park, Bogan, and Jefferson Park is demonstrated by the fact that 1,279 policemen were assigned for special duty protecting the marchers on that date.
- 27. Although it has been requested of defendants that they cease and desist from placing this unreasonable burden on the Police Department of the City of Chicago and the rights of other citizens of the City to have their persons and property protected by the City, the defendants have continually refused and failed to do so and threatened, not only to continue their demonstrations in said unwarranted and injurious manner, but to expand the demonstrations into many other neighborhoods at simultaneous times.
- 28. The City of Chicago and the Police Department have been informed that the defendants intend to proceed with this course of action forthwith.
- 29. If defendants are permitted to proceed with simultaneous marches, it will be impossible for the Police Department of the City of Chicago to protect the defendants, the marchers, public and private property and the life and property of the more than 3½ million citizens of the City of Chicago, who are not participating as marchers or as protestors to the marches, from the clear and present danger of riot, civil disturbance, and the deleterious effects of unreasonably overburdened police duties.
- 30. The defendants' actions during the past month and particularly their actions on the 14th and 16th days of August, 1966, and their announced intention to expand the demonstrations into many neighborhoods at simultaneous times, constitute a clear and present danger to the order, peace and quiet, health, safety, morals and welfare of the City of Chicago.
- 31. The action proposed by the defendants as outlined above is an unreasonable, unwarranted and unlawful means of citizens' petition for redress of alleged grievances.

32. Plaintiffs state that none in the past or are now or will living that as citizens of the Unit City of Chicago by any action its agents, officers or servants

33. Plaintiffs recognize that United States have the right t in furtherance of that right reasonable demonstrations to

34. Plaintiffs state that the complaint does not constitute any petition for redress of all of the United States or of t

35. If defendants continue tions in many and widely sepa cago at simultaneous times, and Department, during peak traffit the public sidewalks will be be pedestrian and vehicular, will reparable damage will be don public in general.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs a tion issue immediately withou filing of this complaint; that injunction be made permane LUTHER KING; REV. JAM REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG ELBERT RANSOM, also kno LIAM ALVIN PITCHER; is SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN I CO-ORDINATING COUNCE TIONS; and THE OAKLANI IMPROVEMENT; and all of their behalf, their agents, em persons who have, may now or act with them, or as indivi participating in unreasonable for the redress of alleged gric

(A) From organizing, con

- assembly, gathering or meeting on public property in more than one specific area of, or location in the City of Chicago on any given date.
- (B) From conducting, organizing or participating in any such march, assembly, gathering or meeting on public property unless such march, assembly, gathering or meeting is limited to such numbers as will not obstruct traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, in an unreasonable manner, and, in any event, such march, assembly, gathering or meeting shall be limited in size to 500 persons or less.
- (C) From conducting, organizing or participating in any such march, assembly, gathering or meeting on public property unless the Police Department of the City of Chicago has been given notice in writing of the location, number of people participating, and the names of the organizers of any such march, meeting, gathering or assembly, its route, and time of inception, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to its inception.
- (D) From conducting, organizing or participating in any march, meeting, assembly or gathering on public property in the City of Chicago except during daylight hours and at times other than peak traffic periods (7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.)

Plaintiffs, CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation, and ORLANDO W. WILSON, Superintendent of the Police Department of the City of Chicago, further pray for such other and further relief as the court in its discretion deems meet and equitable in the premises.

CITY OF CHICAGO, a municipal corporation,

ORLANDO W. WILSON
As Plaintiff and as agent for the City of
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWO before me, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of August A.D. 1966

Notary Public