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Support of Local Police

To the Editor: Commissioner Allen recently tore from the wall of the Police Department a pamphlet entitled "Support Your Local Police". Within a week, what is explained in the pamphlet hit home. The cry of police brutality and two fine officers being sued. Good people now cry brutality, because it is the thing to do, not knowing we've been propagandized to the hilt.

Let me quote from testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, June 13, 1961. Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr., inspector general of the staff of the director of the CIA, testified:

"Our police are among the foremost guardians of freedom and thus a major target of the Communists. The better the force, the greater its efficiency, the higher its competence in preserving the peace, the more vital it is for the Communists to destroy it."

Further he states: "The Communists will exert every effort to prevent the development of a strong police force. They will pose as super-patriots and ruthlessly slander those who oppose them."

Our police force in Rockford is one of the finest any place around, that is why they are being torn apart, hissed, booted. The fine people of Rockford should stand up for our police force, urge the commissioners to do likewise. Then praise the commissioners when they support our police force. Some people will say, well, he's one of those superconservative hate-mongers. I would suggest you write to a very good anti-Communist yet liberal Democratic senator, Thomas Dodd, for the hearings entitled, "A Communist Plot Against the Free World Police." — Jack Triken, 3604