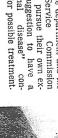
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has ruled that a bona fida psy-chological or psychiatric ser-vice-incurred disability is just as disabiling and compensable as a physical injury. of a pre-existing asymptomatond case that the aggravation and public employes, Common Pleas Judge Herbert S. Levin are a departure from the precompensable disability. sylvania can for the first time in Penneffect on all police, municipal /iously functional" disabilities have And he also ruled in a sec-In a decision of far-reaching By HARMON Y. GORDON he two significant rulings Of The Bulletin Staff (symptomiess) law held constitute a views condition that sion rulings were reversed by Judge Levin in both cases, but one was sent back to the ered in his opinion. Their conclusions are then to be evaluated by the comspecialists in the areas covof two policemen whose disbeen deemed to be not ser- 'As Real, As Disabling...' In remanding the case vice-connected. Judge Levin said, 'we hold nale of Judge Levin's ruling. board of physicians who are commission with directions to impanel an impartial medical The Civil Service Commission. service connected by the po-lice department and later by abilities had been found not **Two Policemen Benefit** mission following Judge Levin found in favor the ratiothat a mental or neurological condition can be as real and at least as disabling as a frac-He noted the city's physi-cian and consultant had said 'return to duty may result in ease." On Welfare injury to himself, fellow offi-cers, on others." sultant for possible treatment. the police department and the Civil Service Commission pert's suggestion to have a 'functional disease' confailed to pursue their own extured bone or a discogenic dis-And further, he said, both



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partial panel of orthopedists under these circumstances was ill-advised", said Judge

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"We see no legal reason to exclude the city's employes from that protection" said pensable, said Judge Levin.

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bemoaning the policeman who is killed in the course of his service' said Judge Levin "but we express the hope that as much concern be manieran of the police department is apparently so incapacitated he is non-employable and has been and is now a recipient of public welfare largesse before us is that a 10-year vetblood consequence of the case "We join with all others in

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