

Panthers Supported By 200 in Baltimore

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—An estimated 210 persons demonstrated here yesterday against alleged police harassment of the Black Panther Party.

The demonstration, mostly by whites, included a parade down Charles Street from the First Unitarian Church, with protesters shouting, "power to the people."

Another 90 persons picketed city police headquarters for 40 minutes, but police reported no disturbances or arrests.

An ad hoc committee of clergymen, college professors and Negro rights leaders released a statement urging the "responsible public officials of Baltimore to take steps to avert a tragedy."

"We are concerned," said the statement by about 50 persons, "that search and-destroy tactics rather than legitimate law enforcement procedures may be employed in our city against the Black Panther Party and may produce more needless deaths."

The statement by the Baltimore Committee for Political Freedom was prompted by recent shootouts between police and the Panthers in Chicago and Los Angeles, and by police surveillance of the Panther headquarters in Baltimore.

City police staked out the Panther headquarters Thanksgiving weekend. No violence occurred and police never explained the surveillance.

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