## Police, D.C. Sued **Over Panther Raid**

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community center.

The suit, filed in U.S. Dis- trict government. trict Court, charges that poinemen violated the Panthers a plaintiff in the first suit. will rights when they raided **ine center at 1932 17th St. NW** July 4. The suit also irges the police with assault ad battery, false arrest and sprisonment and trespass.

Police said the community ter was raided and 10 whiter Party members ar-med after a disorderly word in front of the building fused to disperse and began ing bricks and bottles at then.

Folice said that the crowd restreated into the center after policemen was hit in the the with a brick and that followed in an attempt to the person who had the own the brick.

The Panthers claim that the incident was provoked by police who stopped them while they were singing and loading bundles of newspapers on a 'n. truck. They claim that two po-licemen watched them for a walle and then raticed for asinitiance before moving in and ordering the crowd to move :e on. xd.

The suit also asks for a perin manent injunction against po-. lice harassment of the Panth-١T ers. Ralph Temple, legal direc-tor for the ACLU Fund here, 8. id said, "We will show that this is a part of an unfortunate 12-38 pattern of harassment all 18 across the country."

Temple said the suit is h being handled by the firm of e Hogan and Hartson. A total of d \$1,362,000 in damages is being sought by 10 persons. 1,

A second suit was filed yes-

The Washington branch of terday in the name of Paul A. the American Civil Liberties Pumphrey who claims that he Union Fund yesterday filed was beaten by policemen suit on behalf of the Black when he went to second dis-Panther Party, asking for trict headquarters to obtain more than \$1 million from the the release of a woman who. police department and the Dis- was arrested during the raid. trict government for demages Pumphrey is asking for suffered during a raid on their \$300,000 damages from the police department and the Dis-

Pumphrey is also named as