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Cops Can't Wear Swastikas**Cleveland**

City policemen will be forbidden to wear swastikas on their uniforms while on duty beginning today and will be required to remove racial slurs from police station walls, even if they have to be repainted.

Maryor Ralph J. Perk, in announcing the rulings, said there had been complaints that city patrolmen on duty

were wearing swastikas, the symbol of Germany's Nazi party and the National Socialist White Peoples' party.

However, Perk and Safety Director James T. Carney said they had no proof of charges made last week that some policemen wore swastika T-shirts, belt buckles and tie clips while on duty.

But he added, "Anyone who would wear the Nazi symbol doesn't belong on the

taxpayers' payroll."

Richard J. Faragher, president of the local Fraternal Order of Police, said he does not approve of on-duty policemen wearing swastikas, but added that the city should provide a full uniform before making rules about what police should wear. Cleveland policemen have charged that their uniform allowances are inadequate.

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