

# Police Beat 2 Muslim Men

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Police brutality against Negroes, an age-old part of the white power structure's system of keeping the American black man submerged in a second-class status, is on the increase in proportion to the intensity of the Negro's struggle.

Among recent victims were two Muslim men, Brother James 5X Peebles and Brother Allen X Morris, who were beaten viciously by police here, who then charged them with "resisting arrest" and "assault with a t t e m p t to do bodily



Allen X

harm."

The men said they were selling copies of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS at the corner of Page and Union Sts., when they witnessed an auto collision. Police asked them for the license number of one of the involved cars, but the Muslim brothers told the officers they did not know the number.

They continued down the street, selling newspapers.

Police officers stopped them again "about four or five blocks" from where they were first questioned. The cops accused Brother Allen and Brother James of knowing the license number and ordered them to get into the police car.

The men said that when they asked why they were being taken into custody, the officers began beating them to make them get into the car.



James 5X

They said they were beaten further after they arrived at the police

station.

Brother James received body bruises and head wounds requiring more than 25 stitches. Brother Allen's left eye was partially closed by a blow.