

**Civilian Review**

The principle of civilian review of cases of alleged police brutality is one we heartily endorse.

It should be extended, however, to include all hospitals, correction institutions, and the institutions of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

The Dept. of Mental Hygiene, especially, has no machinery for such civilian review. The Attorney General has ruled that the Boards of Visitors are powerless. The result is that the department investigates itself with predictable results.

We urge, therefore, that the state either give such powers to the Boards of Visitors or appoint other civilian review boards to look into the cases of alleged brutality against helpless patients in the state schools and state hospitals.

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