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## Press Comment Regarding New Police Station Is False

Chief Healey, head of the department of police in this city, denied any knowledge Tuesday morning of the press notices appearing in the Daily News on Saturday and the Chicago Tribune on Sunday, in which he was quoted as saying that the new police station now nearing completion at Forty-eighth street and Wabash avenue would separate members of the Race who are prisoners from the whites.

The chief received numerous phone calls and messages Monday, some from very prominent white persons, as well as members of the Race, including Major

Robert R. Jackson, who was re-elected to the state legislature.

Tuesday morning Alderman De Priest and Editor Robert S. Abbott called on the chief in person about 10 o'clock. The second ward alderman handed Mr. Healey the clippings referred to. The chief was surprised. He had not seen the articles in question, neither had he seen any reporter to make any statement. After reading, turned to the two gentlemen and said:

"This is cut out  
I have not seen a  
porter on this m  
matter is misr  
beginning to  
well enough, al  
no such ideas have ever arisen  
me. I am, and always will be, .  
an equal opportunity for all class  
of citizens. You can say for me that  
as long as I am chief of police of the  
city of Chicago no segregation in any  
branch of the police department will  
be tolerated by me. I am glad you  
called my attention to it, so that I  
could have an opportunity, through  
you, to deny this unjust misrep  
sentation of me."

This is only another attempt on part of some low-browed southern porter to attempt to bring condi familiar in the south to this par country. The Defender has foug conditions right along, especiall Cook county jail.

All day Monday this office v answering telephone calls on the Alderman Oscar De Priest was with inquiries both Sunday and and it was early Tuesday when was officially killed.