

O'CONNOR ASKS UNIFORMS FOR POLICEWOMEN

Most of 81 Protest, but Their Boss OK's Idea

Most of Chicago's 81 policewomen were up in arms yesterday as Police Commissioner O'Connor disclosed plans to put them into uniforms for the first time since the city began hiring policewomen in 1913.



Lt. Olson

The women talked of "mature figures" not suitable for uniforms, waste of policewomen's money, and impairing efficiency.

But their boss, Lt. Marilyn Olson, gave qualified approval. "At first I didn't think too much of the plan," she said, "but now I'm enthused. We have a good looking group of policewomen, and they should look very smart in uniforms."

Planned for July

Lt. John Nelligan, police director of personnel, said the plan is for the women to wear their uniforms for the first time at the Democratic national convention in Chicago in July.

The uniforms as tentatively planned, according to the officials, will include the following:

Navy blue spectator pumps [heels no more than 3 inches high] to match a novel purse with over-the-shoulder strap. The purse will have a "built-in" holster, with special compartment for handcuffs.

Star to Be on Jacket

A blue skirt and jacket, of lighter color than policemen's uniforms, with brass buttons. The police star will be worn on the jacket.

Overseas type cap, ice blue shirt with French cuffs, navy blue tie.

No bracelets, earrings, necklaces, or fancy pins, but gold cuff links, wristwatches, and wedding rings will be permitted.

All this will cost a policewoman less than \$100, Nelligan said, and the uniforms will be worn only on certain types of duty—such as parades, conventions, in railroad stations, and in transportation of prisoners—where it will help to have the policewoman's identity clear to all.