

Resolved, That appropriate and reasonable time be allowed the District of Columbia police to pursue their endeavors to remove the crime clouds now overshadowing the Nation's Capital; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to every Member of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE,
 Sheriff ROBERT JAMISON, *Chairman*,
New Brunswick, N.J.
 Sheriff DONALD TULLOCH,
Barnstable, Mass.
 Sheriff DENVER YOUNG, *Salem, Oreg.*

Sheriff CANLIS. Please let me state at the outset, that it is not my intention to in any way reflect discredit on any agency, or that my appearance here this morning be interpreted as interfering or injecting myself into the province of the fine Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C., and its distinguished Chief, Robert V. Murray.

It used to be that Federal rulings influencing law enforcement eventually trickled down into the State and local law enforcement; however, it can now be described as a constant avalanche of interpretations so massive as to have completely depressed and dwarfed the effectiveness of law enforcement generally everywhere.

It is because of this that I have accepted your invitation in the hope that I might call your attention, the very great need for us all to have congressional understanding to stem the tide of legislation by judicial interpretation, and also the unwarranted restrictions on modern-day police.

Our sworn duty is to protect life and property, and to preserve the peace, and to prevent crime. Never, in the history of our society, however, has the principal purpose of our existence been so lost. Never, has there been such confusion concerning interpretation of the law. Never, have we created such an offensive image while in the proper discharge of our duty. Never, have we been so maligned and so substituted for the issues or the cause, or the social injury.

Our lot as you know, is to be damned if you do and damned if you don't. It is quite apparent that not what we do, but the manner in which we do it, makes it either acceptable to the community or the courts, or transfers the sympathy to the miscreant.

Respect for the law is diminishing rapidly, and those who seek illegitimate gain, hesitate less and less to commit grave, unprovoked assaults against their hapless victims, and law-enforcement officers, and even to sacrifice human life when it suits their purpose to do so.

Some of the High Court decisions describe the activities between the criminals and law enforcement, as if we were engaged in some sort of contest, with rules applicable to both, applied equally and fairly, as if we had chosen up sides.

Nothing could be further from the truth, and this is no game. The *Mallory* decision and its many interpretations, some of which are close decisions by the arbitrators or referees, if you will, the majority ruling being 5 to 4, has the effect of appropriating any success by law enforcement and transferring it to the defense or other side, with the further restriction that any subsequent score would be treated in the same manner.

The March 15, 1963, ruling by the District of Columbia Commissioners for the Metropolitan Police of this District, to cease and desist