

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have much turnover in your police department?

Superintendent WILSON. An attrition of about 40 per month, but only about 10 of these leave to seek employment elsewhere, not including those who leave on pensions.

The CHAIRMAN. What type of retirement system do you have?

Is it an adequate retirement system?

Superintendent WILSON. After 55 years of age and 20 years of service a man gets—I have forgotten—something more than 50 percent of his salary, but precisely what amount—

The CHAIRMAN. After 20 years and 55 years of age?

Superintendent WILSON. Right.

The CHAIRMAN. I take it from your statement that you have experienced an increase in crime in the city of Chicago over the last few years.

Superintendent WILSON. Well, this is a difficult question to answer, Senator Bible.

We had a very large statistical increase following my arrival in Chicago 3½ years ago.

This statistical increase resulted from a change in reporting procedures, a centralization and adequate control, which was set up so that we could satisfy ourselves and the community that we are recording all crime that becomes known to the police.

This year we have enjoyed a slight reduction in total indexed crimes, and we feel that this trend will continue throughout this year so that we may end the year with about a 5-percent reduction.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there a feeling by you and by the police officers generally that the restrictions that are placed upon the police have accounted for the increase in crime in your city?

Superintendent WILSON. Yes; there is this conviction on my part and on the part of the members of the department, who are concerned with the analysis of crime in the administration of the department.

The citizens, however, I cannot speak for.

We have made some efforts to get some relaxation on the restrictions that have been imposed upon us in the State legislature, and some efforts to obtain weapons that we feel are essential in our fight against crime.

The CHAIRMAN. When you say "weapons" to what do you refer?

Superintendent WILSON. Well, the two specific things that I have reference to are two bills that we introduced in the last session of the legislature; one authorizing audio surveillance under court order or wiretapping, if you please, and the other, syndicated gambling, a bill not designed to deal with the player but the operator, the higher echelons in organized crime.

The first bill we failed to get out of the judiciary committee of the senate. The second bill, however, was reported out of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives unanimously. Something happened.

It never got considered on the floor of the house.

The CHAIRMAN. As a result of the *Mallory* decision do you sense more restrictions being imposed on the police by the courts under which you operate?