

The CHAIRMAN. This may hold fairly constant. What was the 1950 figure for the metropolitan area?

Mr. WILSON. To put it simply, Senator, the metropolitan area total increased by 26 percent from 1950 to 1960. It increased to 2.1 million.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the figure in 1950?

Mr. WILSON. 1,464,000.

The CHAIRMAN. It increased from 1,464,000 to approximately 2.2 million in 1960?

Mr. WILSON. Yes; an increase of 26.8 percent.

Senator DOMINICK. 26.8 from 1,400,000 to 2.2 million.

The CHAIRMAN. I think he said 50 percent. Maybe I misunderstood him. What was the percentage increase?

Mr. WILSON. 26.8. It is an increase of 537,000.

The CHAIRMAN. That would sound to be more than 26 percent.

Senator DOMINICK. If you are going from 1.4 to 2.2 million, you have got 800,000 in any arithmetic I have ever done.

The CHAIRMAN. Why don't you check that out and supply it for the record.

Mr. WILSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chief, I think, wanted to respond further.

Mr. MURRAY. It is true, Senator, that you will have safemen, housebreakers, who will operate in the District and nearby Maryland and Virginia. They don't stop at the District line. We do have them operating in all these jurisdictions until they are caught.

The CHAIRMAN. Another point that was made on this question of softness on crime, Chief, and this is something that we have heard many times. Some witness somewhere during the course of these hearings indicated, and I think it was possibly a chief of a penal institution here, Mr. Clemmer, if that is the correct name—

Mr. MURRAY. Mr. Clemmer.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe he indicated that the great percentage of the felons convicted in the District of Columbia were born and raised here and lived here their entire lives. This was a little surprising to me. I am sure this is what he testified to.

Mr. MURRAY. I believe a survey that was made some years ago did indicate that most of the criminals in our penal institutions were right from the District of Columbia.

The CHAIRMAN. The point that they were trying to establish was that the District of Columbia had this nationwide reputation for being soft on crime, and still the statistics did not bear out the fact that the District was attracting criminals from other areas.

I have heard your testimony on various occasions, and you have indicated that word has gone out to the underground that the District of Columbia is soft on crime.

Mr. MURRAY. There has been some of this; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You have said there were instances of this.

Mr. MURRAY. There has been.

The CHAIRMAN. You named somebody from Philadelphia. He was very anxious to get out of the clutches of the Philadelphia police officers or the sheriff's department because he would rather come to Washington, D.C., because he would have an easier chance of getting off. I think this is in substance what you said.