

The CHAIRMAN. Now, do you have any extensive program where you require foot-patrol officers or squad-car officers to work at least one shift per month with the Detective Bureau?

Mr. MURRAY. We have men from the precincts that fill in on the midnight tour of duty and in the precincts for 1 week. That is sort of a training program.

The CHAIRMAN. A further question prompted by one of the witnesses appearing in the October 23 hearing expressed concern that this committee was being given the impression that the crime rate was on a great increase here in Washington.

In support of this position, the witness informed the committee that serious crime in the District has declined during the last fiscal year 1.2 percent, and although the crime rate has increased considerably since 1957, the serious crime rate in the District during last year was 12½ percent below that which it was in 1953. Is that statistically correct?

Mr. WILSON. Mr. Chairman, he was citing fiscal year 1962 statistics. Of course, this slight decline for 1962 is reflected on this chart.

The CHAIRMAN. Compared with 1953, he indicated that it was 12½ percent below what it was in 1953.

Mr. WILSON. And for the 1962 data he was correct, but since then, as you can see, the crime has swung upward again, and as of the end of September we were three-tenths of 1 percent over the alltime high which was reached in 1952. We are now at an alltime high, rather, as of the end of September, we were at the alltime high for crime in this city.

The CHAIRMAN. As of the end of September, you were at the alltime high for crime in the District of Columbia?

Mr. WILSON. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In 1963, January 1 to September 30.

Mr. WILSON. There, again, for the 12-month average it would be October 1 of 1962 through September 30 of 1963 was the highest 12-month period of crime in our District.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you. Now, on the same October 23 hearing one of the witnesses testified that in some instances the police do not make a complete and thorough examination of the crime.

In the case of offenses involving assaults with dangerous weapons the witness stated the complainant in the case is generally the one who makes the first report to the police or turns himself into the hospital. The witness cited the case of *Joseph Taylor* (case 198-61), and several others as an example illustrating this point. Would you care to comment upon that particular statement, Chief?

Mr. MURRAY. I don't believe what that witness had to say and that is the one I want to rebut. I want to put a statement in, if I may.

The CHAIRMAN. Very well. I want to give you the opportunity to make comments on anything that has been said during the course of these hearings. We were attempting to go into this in depth and want to come up with the correct answer.

Now, Assistant Dean Pye testified that the rate of police resignations during fiscal 1962 was double the rate of fiscal 1961. Is that a correct statement?