

tion and the various events characteristic of it; right to counsel at all these stages; and the first appearance before a judicial officer.

The end product of this, beside a published study, will, we hope, be a model statute which may achieve enactment in a large number of States.

The work has been paid for by a Ford Foundation grant which contemplates a 5-year period for completion. I hope that we may finish a little sooner than that, though there is a good deal to be done.

Perhaps this rather general information will still give to you and to your committee an idea of what we are about. I shall await with great interest the result of the important deliberations of your committee. If you publish any reports or other documents, I shall be most grateful to you for sending me a copy.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND.

STATEMENT OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Chairman and members, Senate District Committee, I am Mrs. Robert Burns, president, American University Park Citizens' Association, representing an area west of Rock Creek Park covering about 1,400 families.

This statement was to have been delivered in person but illness prevented, thus a resort to this second best method of sentiment expression on this serious problem.

At a time when crime has increased in the District of Columbia for the 17th consecutive month and the month just ended had an all-time high, we of the American University Park Citizens' Association, protest further softness in the handling of criminals.

How can officials glibly boast that the crime rate in the District of Columbia compares favorably with other cities of comparable size? In 1962 the District ranked 1st in aggravated assault; 2d in robbery; 4th in murder and nonnegligent manslaughter; 5th in housebreaking; 10th in forcible rape; 10th in auto theft; and 11th in larceny. We are called upon to set a pattern for the Nation, in other areas, so why not set the groundwork and uphold our police force, that they may be aided in giving us a city with the lowest crime rate in the Nation?

As long as we hamstring our Metropolitan Police in the apprehension of suspects, continue making Washington attractive for criminals, the press continues to whip the public into a state of emotional sympathy for the criminal and criminals are continually freed on a psychiatric basis, we cannot expect crime to decrease.

There is a printed pamphlet which says, "Crime Strikes—Anyone—Anytime—Anyplace." There is a phrase there that is not altogether true; if crime had struck close to any high official or even one just riding the "molly-coddling" bandwagon, drastic changes would already be history.

Mr. Chairman, do you realize the one-sidedness of a Nation's Capital that isn't safe to walk the dog at night, isn't safe for night meetings, isn't safe to sleep in one's own bedroom? Many, many of the loyal interested members of my own citizens' association tell me they cannot come to night meetings. They simply are afraid. It's not just a psychological hysteria either; they have seen crime, yes and been victims of crime, right here in American University Park.

We of this association agree with the judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, when he said: "In our concern for criminals we should not forget that nice people have some rights too."

Therefore we urge that you pass titles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the omnibus crime bill, H.R. 7525.

However, there is a crime area not mentioned in this bill, that has increased along with adult crime since 1957. Juvenile crime is worse with each crime report. Many juveniles are seasoned criminals long before adulthood. Adults have set the pattern; crime-bent youth learn fast and follow with no fear of punishment. Will you please enact legislation to allow a tougher policy in the handling of adult criminals? The juvenile will be quick to learn here also and the number of future hardened criminals will be naturally reduced.

Thank you for your attention.