

haven't heard charges of anyone's constitutional rights being violated or of improper police brutality as a result, though such accusations may be forthcoming. It just seems that somewhere along the line we are going to have to let the policeman have a little more leeway, or at least let the criminal element feel that that policeman has more authority.

I have suggested that, rather than dragging out these so-called demonstrators who block the halls of the Justice Department and the Pentagon and even the Capitol, for that matter, with perhaps four or five policemen dragging out one individual demonstrator, there are certain better ways to make that demonstrator move, without doing him bodily harm. You can grab him in a certain place in a certain way so that he will not only move, but the next one won't try to sit there.

Now, I repeat for emphasis, Mr. Murphy, that I don't think any of us has to choose sides as to who is for constitutional rights and who isn't, or who is against genuine police brutality and who isn't. I challenge anyone to be more concerned about these matters than I would be, but I think this side of the picture has been overplayed, and if we will let our policemen know that they are not going to be yanked before a police trial board, and be ridiculed and criticized whenever they try to protect themselves in their precincts, and let some of these offenders know they can't get by with such tactics, that will do more to reduce crime here in the District than anything else.

Mr. Whitener mentioned one of the judges a moment ago. I don't know why he didn't mention the name, but the name I heard was that of Judge Alexander. One of the other judges in the District of Columbia told me he is an ill man, that he is actually sick.

Now, the question is, what can we do about it? I think it is ridiculous to have a person sitting on the bench who only adds more to the burdens of the law enforcement officials. If there is no other way of getting rid of that type of person, than perhaps we could start impeachment proceedings. This might have a stabilizing influence on the judiciary, as well as on the criminal element.

I don't know of any other measure that will be as effective. All these other methods have proved to be ineffective, because we still have these law-breakers down in the precincts who feel that their chances of evading punishment are pretty good. But if the steps along the way, to the court and the appeals and so forth, are made not so easy, then perhaps they might not want to take so many such trips.

The President mentioned the other night his wish to hire a hundred new district attorneys. I don't think there is any question but what that would be most helpful. In fact, another of the judges in the District of Columbia suggested just that to me; not only more district attorneys, but higher salaries so that the city can get better qualified prosecutors. In many instances, the criminal element is coming before the courts with highly paid, experienced attorneys, and just a law school graduate is prosecuting for the people. This is another step that I think could help reduce this terrible problem of crime in the District.

In the past, the Police Department has always enjoyed good public relations here. Just recently, however, we have heard about bad public relations, or poor community relations. I think a little more meaningful support for the Police Department, which would restore