

in a speech in Nassau County, declared: "Citizen support means a refusal to tolerate lawlessness in any form. We all know the fear of the sudden attack in the streets. But crime is also the billion dollar industry of narcotics and gambling and prostitution . . . we require not simply citizen support but participation . . . citizens can begin to take on the actual patrolling of their neighborhoods. Citizen patrols have worked in far more dangerous communities: in Crown Heights, the 'Maccabee' patrols have substantially cut down violent crime; volunteer police in East Flatbush, Tampa, Florida, and elsewhere have prevented violence." I submit Senator Kennedy's speech and other items and ask that they be included in the hearing record, and we request your help in establishing such citizen patrols here.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. IMMER, *President.*

FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
January 16, 1968.

Re: New Ideas to Reduce Crime in D.C.

Mr. PATRICK V. MURPHY,
*Director, D.C. Public Safety Municipal Building, Room 5080, 300 Indiana Avenue
N.W., Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. MURPHY: Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the New Mayor of Gary, Indiana, Richard G. Hatcher, have made some suggestions for reducing crime which I request your comment upon.

The January 12 issue of LIFE Magazine reports that Mayor Hatcher gave marching orders to gangsters and racists. "There are those who are no longer welcome in Gary" he said. Here in Washington Stokeley Carmichael is welcomed with open arms, even though Negro clergymen and others have become increasingly outspoken and disturbed, by leaders in the District Government itself. At the same time there has been no similar expression on your part that "There are those who are no longer welcome in Washington" directed to criminals and this is a great pity. Why not?

I am sending you herewith a brilliant speech by Senator Robert Kennedy which I commend to you for your most serious consideration, in which he says, quite rightly that "Citizen support means a refusal to tolerate lawlessness, in any form. We all know the fear of the sudden attack in the streets. But crime is also the billion dollar industry of narcotics and gambling and prostitution . . . we require not simply citizen support but participation . . . citizens can begin to take on the actual patrolling of their neighborhoods. Citizen patrols have worked in far more dangerous communities: in Crown Heights, the 'Maccabee' patrols substantially cut down violent crime; volunteer police in East Flatbush, Tampa, Florida, and elsewhere have prevented violence."

There has been a 300% increase in crime in the District since the Eisenhower year of 1957; despite the adoption of the new Crime Bill by Congress and its signing into law by the President there has been no "get tough with criminals" statement by you, you have not made them feel "unwelcome". When are you going to speak out like Mayor Hatcher has? Furthermore, I request you to take immediate action to act on Senator Kennedy's recommendation for citizen patrols in such high crime precincts as the 10th and 13th Police Precincts. I will give you my complete support in these steps. The high incidence of crime was No. 1 on a Poll taken by the famed pollster Louis Harris here in the District under the sponsorship of the *Washington Post*. When do you plan to get tough with criminals, as suggested by Senator Kennedy and Mayor Hatcher?

Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. IMMER, *President.*

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C., January 24, 1968.

Mr. JOHN R. IMMER,
*President, Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia,
1638 19th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20009*

DEAR MR. IMMER: Thank you for your letter of January 16, 1968, with which a copy of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's address to the Nassau County Crime Council was enclosed.

I appreciate receiving the copy of Senator Kennedy's address. It points out so many of the root causes of crime which our affluent society must eliminate if crime is to be brought under reasonable control.