

Mr. MULTER. We will proceed first with the witnesses we have subpoenaed this morning. It is not usual to subpoena witnesses to attend our hearings, but in consultation with the chairman of the full committee we thought we should not ask members of the Police Department to volunteer any testimony because of the situation that necessarily exists here, where they might be put in a position of taking a public position contrary to that of some of their superiors. Therefore, we issued subpoenas to them requiring their attendance. When they do testify, we anticipate they will testify fully and freely without reservation, and we expect that their superiors will not find fault with them for expressing their views as American citizens as well as members of the Department.

I am quite sure I speak for the Commissioner of the District and for Chief Layton and all of the other superior officers in the Police Department that there will be no reprisals because any witness may disagree with what is the so-called policy of either the District Commissioner or of the superior officers in the Department.

In order to expedite the hearings, I will call those detectives who were subpoenaed and ask them to take seats at the witness table. They are George M. Dunphy, Harold H. Burwell, Robert P. King, George R. Wilson and Ronald M. Banta.

**STATEMENTS OF DETECTIVES GEORGE M. DUNPHY, ROBBERY SQUAD; HAROLD H. BURWELL, ROBBERY SQUAD; ROBERT P. KING, ROBBERY SQUAD; GEORGE R. WILSON, ROBBERY SQUAD; AND RONALD M. BANTA, HOMICIDE SQUAD**

Mr. DUNPHY. Mr. Chairman, approximately ten months ago the Metropolitan Police Department stated that due to the recommendations of the International Chiefs of Police, the President's Crime Commission, that we were going to be placed into a reorganization program. Since that time reorganization has started to be implemented and in fact will be; the entire Department will be reorganized.

We first discovered what was happening when we read the report that was presented to the President from the International Chiefs of Police. In these recommendations the rank of detective of the Metropolitan Police Department was to be abolished; in its place was a new rank to be created, the rank of investigator. The investigator will be an appointed position to the Detective Bureau by the Police Department. This investigator could come from any of the ranks. He will be a private and then he will be placed in plainclothes in the Criminal Investigation Division or any of the other investigative divisions of the Detective Bureau and he could be a man with one, two or three years on the Police Department.

The men presently holding the rank of detective who range anywhere from ten to twenty-five years on the Metropolitan Police Department, who have passed Civil Service promotional examinations, some of whom have passed two promotional examinations to obtain this rank, will be known as investigators and placed in the same category of investigators, in the same category as anybody else appointed to this position.

We felt at this time that this act right here was depriving us of our status.