

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Honorable John L. McMillan (Chairman of the Committee), presiding.

Present: Representatives McMillan (presiding), Dawson, Whitener; Sisk, Diggs, Fuqua, Adams, Jacobs, Walker, Nelsen, Mathias, Horton, Broyhill of Virginia, Winn, Gude, Zwach and Steiger.

Also present: James T. Clark, Clerk; Hayden S. Garber, Counsel; Sara Watson, Assistant Counsel; Donald Tubridy, Minority Clerk; Leonard D. Hilder, Investigator.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee will come to order.

Mr. Murphy, will you come up to the witness table?

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee wants to thank you for appearing before our Committee and join with us this morning in an effort to try to settle a few rumors and news reports. I would like to state that since I called this meeting I believe that the majority of the questions that we wanted to ask may have been answered by you and Chief Layton. When this Committee met last time, on the police pay raise bill, there was a great deal in the papers concerning you and Chief Layton; and no one seemed to know whether Chief Layton would remain as Chief of Police, or know the connection between you and the Chief, and whether you were going to work together. We are here today to get some information on that subject. We desire to enlighten not only the members of the Committee but the public as to the connection between you and the Chief of Police.

I have, I guess, a hundred letters in my file concerning this subject, and I imagine the other members have also received a number of letters wanting a clarification of your duties. I am certain you did not object to coming and explaining your position and Chief Layton's position under your reorganization plan. Certainly, we want to get together and be working smoothly by April.

In fact, we expect some demonstrations here at that time, but I hope you and Chief Layton can ward off any demonstrations, stop any sit-down strikes in the parks. I have already received numerous letters from tourists saying they are not going to come to Washington if we have demonstrators sitting on the grass during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

At this time, Mr. Murphy, I would appreciate it if you would elaborate on what your position entails and if Chief Layton will continue to be Chief of Police and if he will continue to issue the orders for the