

Friday shooting incident and calling for "more specific guidelines" on his area of authority.

#### CRITICIZED BY BROYHILL

Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, R-Va., today criticized the "Murphyizing" of the police department and said Murphy should remember that the major enemy here is crime, not the Metropolitan Police Department.

Broyhill said Congress should look into Murphy's work and the qualifications he has developed while "city hopping from police department to police department for the past few years."

Broyhill said, "So far, he has managed to threaten just about everybody in the city except the criminal element. So far, all we have heard from Mr. Murphy is a continuous recitation about what a grand and glorious organization he is going to have just as soon as he has finished decimating the police organization and destroying the morale of those on the force."

#### SIT-IN PLANNED

Mrs. Goldie Johnson, head of the Metropolitan Police Wives Association, which is predominantly Negro, said the group was "generally dissatisfied" with Murphy and announced that it would hold a sit-in at Murphy's office in the District Building at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

"We don't care if he appoints his mother, he still isn't satisfying us," complained Mrs. Johnson. She said Stokely Carmichael backed the wives' association and would also be at the sit-in.

Mrs. Johnson said the group was angry about the Friday shooting incident and wanted the four officers involved suspended. She said she has been unable to meet with Murphy.

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#### POLICE TROUBLE AHEAD?

In the whole strange sequence of events of the past few days in respect to the District police department, our main concern is with the problem of department morale.

The appointment of Deputy Chief Jerry V. Wilson to head field operations, with direct supervision over most of the city's uniformed police and detectives, appears to have been a good move. This job, which is second in importance below the Chief of Police, involves major responsibilities, requiring the abilities of an aggressive, intelligent, vigorous, young man. From all we can learn, Wilson fills this bill.

Chief Layton's status, however, especially in relation to Patrick V. Murphy, the new director of public safety, is by no means as clear, and it needs clarification.

Murphy, in a statement which he said was intended to clear up possible "erroneous impressions," asserts that neither Wilson's appointment nor Murphy's announced intention to play a much more active role in police operations constitutes any sudden change in Layton's role. The expansion of his own authority, Murphy said, was fully implied when he assumed his top-level post in December. He and the police chief, Murphy added, are in agreement on their respective roles.

Today's Murphy-Layton "harmony" statement tends to confirm this last comment by Murphy. We hope experience will show this to be the case, and will also give meaning to other comments in the joint statement which obviously are designed to shore up morale and reassure both policemen and the general public.

Our impression from earlier developments of the last few days was that Layton's role had changed—drastically. It looked to us—if words and if the demeanor of the principals at Murphy's conferences on Tuesday meant anything at all—as if Layton was being shunted aside. This would have been regrettable, and we welcome the assurance that it isn't so.

Which returns us to the question of morale.

There are two ways of doing things. Desirable changes can be made in a manner which need not be harmful to morale, or in a way that can disastrously impair it. And the wires of protest Murphy has received from the two police wives' associations ought to alert him that morale problems already have been worsened.

This is a delicate area, but Director Murphy had better be acutely aware of it before he speaks. The lot of the policeman in Washington is hard enough under