

Mr. MARGOLIUS. You are right.

Mr. JACOBS. You do not need a course in architecture. You can see it.

FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The CHAIRMAN. This is all extraneous. We wish to obtain a real Police Department here and one that everybody cannot disturb and tear apart. At the present time I do not think the police know who is their boss. We would like to place the Police Department in the hands of some person who has backbone enough really to protect the Police Department and enforce the laws in the statute books.

Mr. MARGOLIUS. I started to say a moment ago that the one feature of this bill that I looked at and noticed is that here is the appointment of a number of advisory commissioners, a board of commissioners, to oversee the police. I think this is one of the most relevant features of the bill, which will deal with disciplinary problems and financial problems and salary increases and retirement benefits.

I believe Congress at this particular time, as always in the past and as I am sure it will continue in the future, is so cognizant of the problems of crime in the District, because most Congressmen live in the District, that this will not resolve itself into anything but a good thing.

I would like to add very quickly that we members of the Association are very proud of Chief Layton and think that he has done a magnificent job as Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department. Anything said here with respect to any possible change is not to be taken in any shape or form as any reflection upon the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department.

POLICE PROBLEMS

I see the men on the force every day because I help them with their problems. I do not see the good side. They come to me when they have their problems, when they are being sued for a million dollars for violation of civil rights or they are being charged at the Morgue with a shooting, or they are down before the Trial Board because they happened to call a citizen by the wrong name. Today the word "boy" can take them before the Trial Board, although the policeman must stand out on the streets and take all kinds of abuse and hear all kinds of language directed at him, and must stand still and cannot make an arrest. These are the men I see. Therefore, they voice their problems to me.

One of their big problems is the fear of what will happen to them in the near future in the District. There are two sides to this story, and there are two sides to every story. There is the citizen's side and there is the police enforcement side.

I know a good enforcer in the wrong neighborhood is not going to stay in that neighborhood too long, because he will have a gang of citizens testifying against him as to some violation of regulations that he committed. This is what happens.

As I say, I cannot get into some existing problems which are going on right now, but this is a good demonstration of what can happen to an enforcer.

A particular policeman was an enforcer in a certain neighborhood, and now 6 or 7 or 8 witnesses have come and stated under oath that this particular policeman fired his gun point blank at a citizen. Well,