

citizens, all the various forces and factors needed to handle dangerous situations, and critical situations and continuing problems of the District.

Mr. BROYHILL. How do you account for the fact that the morale on the force is a great deal lower, and that there are a great many more complaints coming from the families and friends, as well as the members of the police force themselves as well as from their families and friends?

Mr. FLETCHER. There may be two statements on that. I know Sergeant Beatty in my office in May made a statement to the press that morale had never been higher than the Department was concerned. The same was published. Whether there has been a serious change in the situation from that time I do not know. One of the factors obviously that would relate to morale and the complaints of families is the fact that we have had by necessity to work the men very long hours, substantial amounts of overtime and the millions of dollars we have had to spend. Many of these men work 12 hours, and work on their days off, and work six days a week. This would obviously tend to reduce morale and the effectiveness of the Department.

Facing the situation locally we had to do this to protect the people and provide the type of service that is required. This is one of the reasons we have asked for more men. I know this has a direct effect as far as the Department is concerned. I also know the continued attacks by elements of the population will also tend to hurt the morale and disturb the men.

It disturbs us just as much, and are just as disturbed. Our morale may not be better either because of this.

SCOPE OF BILL

Mr. BROYHILL. I read your statement. I cannot say I agree with all of your reasons for your disagreeing with the bill. In your point 3, you state that the bill would create waste and inefficiency through duplication of supporting services. One of the purposes of the bill is to create more efficiency and less cost and waste. I do not know what new skill the Government of the District has shown, to indicate that it can do anything more effectively and efficiently, because the cost of operating the District Government has gone up substantially since the new Government took over. Be that as it may, however, I think this is a point that the committee should investigate and research out before we take final action, so as to make certain that we will not do something that will cause waste and inefficiency. As a co-sponsor of the bill, I would not want to support any measure that would cause that type of problem. But recognizing the principal objection, that the District Government would be losing control of this particular part of their organization and thus a certain amount of power, don't we have a constant daily conflict as to what should be the responsibility of the District Government and what should be under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government?

We mentioned the Resurrection City situation a moment ago. I believe I said something about that last week. That was a demonstration against the Federal Government, not the District Government.