

Mr. ADAMS. I want to at this point extend my compliments to you and the Chief and to the Commissioner.

Mr. BROYHILL. If you will yield, will you repeat that?

Mr. FLETCHER. 82 vacancies as of last week.

Mr. BROYHILL. 82?

Mr. FLETCHER. 82. We had approximately 40 in the process of being appointed and over 200 in the pipeline for appointment, as I said, within the next several weeks we will have no vacancies left. We are recruiting at the average rate, in the last six months, of 63 net gain per month.

Mr. ADAMS. I want to extend my compliments to you, because I sat for some time on this committee when this vacancy rate was high and going up. I am very pleased to know that now, through the changes that have occurred and the efforts you have made, this trend has been reversed and men are now coming into the Department. Thank you.

Mr. BROYHILL. Will the gentleman yield? I think the gentleman from Washington should also be complimented for his leadership and support of a salary increase bill that helped fill those vacancies.

Mr. ADAMS. I think all Members of the committee should share in that. I think it is one of the solutions. I am extremely pleased. I hope we continue to have that interest in the Department.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GUDE. There is one project that I have been particularly interested in, the establishment of a Narcotics Rehabilitation Center in the District which is now in the process of being geared in. This requires very close coordination with the Police Department, doesn't it?

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes.

Mr. GUDE. What type of coordination is required if you are going to have a Center?

Mr. FLETCHER. I believe the Chief could provide a better answer than I on that, Congressman.

Mr. GUDE. I know that the concept of police handling of people who are narcotic addicts has changed quite a bit in law enforcement work. Now, rather than just confining them, imprisoning them, the idea is to enter them into a rehabilitation center and see what can be done. How is this carried on?

STATEMENT OF CHIEF JOHN B. LAYTON, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief LAYTON. We could go back some years, Mr. Gude, when the Congress, at the recommendation of the District Government, did enact legislation which provided for treatment of addicts and was not solely geared to penalties. We do in the enforcement of the narcotics laws cooperate very closely with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. We work jointly, we make joint raids, we put undercover men out in the area where there is narcotics peddling. We do move very properly and appropriately, I think, in the enforcement of the present laws.

There is this other side of it, where persons who have become addicted to narcotics; there is provision in law for them to be hospitalized. Originally they were sent to the Federal institution. More recently they have been cared for at the local hospital, D. C. General.