

decision there? I don't want to point the finger at any particular individual. How was the decision made to leave these men down there in the hands of some so-called marshals who, according to the press, were recruited from gangs all over the United States in the major cities?

How could it happen that anybody would decide that a newspaperman would have his camera taken away from him and be knocked down, or another newspaperman who reported in one of the papers said "You give me your money or else you are not going to get out of here alive"? We had evidence reported in the press of other abuses of that after taking his camera, as I remember it, somebody came up and people who should have had every right to be on this Federal property, the television people who were assaulted, I understand.

Now, we talk about coordination. How did this type of coordination, if it is coordination, come about? I am not trying to embarrass you or your Department.

Chief LAYTON. First of all, as you have indicated, this was on Federal parkland which is supervised by the Department of Interior and the police agency that has the primary function there is the United States Park Police. Our Department, on occasion, is called——

Mr. WHITENER. Chief, let me make it right short: Isn't the truth of the matter that neither the Park Service, nor the Metropolitan Police, nor Deputy Commissioner Fletcher, nor Commissioner Washington had any voice at all in that decision, to stay out of there?

Chief LAYTON. I can't answer completely on that, Mr. Whitener. As to whether to go in or out, it is my understanding that on occasion members of the United States Park Police did go in. But it is my understanding also that they did not regularly patrol inside Resurrection City.

Mr. BROYHILL. They had to clear with the marshals in the Resurrection City, didn't they? In order for the Park Police to enter Resurrection City, they had to clear with the marshals' tent? They couldn't go in and try to arrest one of these people who had taken a camera. They had to clear access with the head of the "Nation"?

Chief LAYTON. My understanding, Mr. Broyhill, is——

Mr. BROYHILL. I am being facetious, of course.

Chief LAYTON. First of all, the Park Police did not regularly patrol inside the area. It is also my understanding that they depended mainly on the marshals who were appointed, as you have indicated, to patrol inside Resurrection City. It was the arrangement, according to my understanding also, that if any incident occurred they talked with the marshals.

Mr. BROYHILL. They could not go into the city even if an incident occurred, could they?

Chief LAYTON. I don't believe they were completely restricted to that extent. It is my understanding that they did on occasion—Inspector Beye, particularly, went in when he saw need to go in. But they did not regularly patrol the area.

Mr. WHITENER. If that is the kind of coordination they are trying to preserve, then this bill, it seems to me, is very desirable because