

say that these people can come in and be squatters and nobody else has access to it, as happened the other day in the park under this same front when we had a meeting at the Meridian Park. They did not even allow the policemen in, much less the news media.

Then on second thought they did allow news media to come in. This is the situation that exists. It does not mean we cannot go in. We can if the proper orders are given. But we must have the coordination of all our law enforcement agencies, and I do not think we have it under the present system. I can only end by saying that I think this is the right approach. I agree with Mr. Broyhill, or anyone else—maybe it calls for some changes—but it is the right approach to make the policeman feel that he is being supported, that he is going to be supported in the job. I cannot see where it takes anything away from any individual police department.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Inspector. I appreciate very much your statement because I know your own personal dedication. I join you in my concern about making the policeman feel confident that when he is doing his job he has the complete backing and support of the powers that be in the District. I just close, Mr. Chairman, by quickly saying that I hope, before the hearings are concluded on this particular legislation, that a representative of the City Council will be brought before this committee. I personally, and I am sure others, too, would like to discuss with them what I think has been a pretty serious failure on their part. I, too, join in my tribute to the Mayor. I think Walter Washington has done a tremendous job. In fact, I have literally felt sorry for him on many occasions, the tremendous hours, the struggle I know he has gone through, particularly in the days of the riots. I admire his courage and the work and the effort that has been made by the Deputy Mayor who was here with us this morning.

Unfortunately, I too, am somewhat critical of the Council and some actions of some of the members are to be totally deplored. It is a shameful thing to me that they have not found themselves at least honest enough to resign and step out if they cannot support law enforcement in this District.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Gude?

Mr. GUDE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to compliment you and your organization for the work you are doing in trying to better police morale because if a policeman is to do any kind of a good job, he must feel he has the support of the governing body behind him. I think the Police Department has the backing of the Mayor and the Congress. We try to do that and show it by the pay raise and other legislation. I would like to ask one question very quickly.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

In regard to the operation of the police force and its morale, as I understand it under the present system in each precinct the Captain can have an advisory council composed of citizens of the area; isn't this correct?

Inspector SULLIVAN. Yes.