

concurring by Reverend Channing Phillips constitutes undue interference with the administration of justice in the same manner as Mayor Yorty of Los Angeles when he made public statements shortly after the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy concerning an arrested suspect. This alone was sufficient for Reverend Fauntroy, as a member of the governing body of the District of Columbia, sworn to uphold and enforce the laws, to repudiate not only the resolution but the action of the Black United Front just as Mayor Washington and Public Safety Director Patrick Murphy did. This is the least that can be expected from a responsible official of the District of Columbia.

Moreover, Reverend Fauntroy in his statements has morally condemned the actions of members of our police department who have been compelled to take a life while carrying out their sworn duties. He has stated that such killings is not justifiable. How can a responsible official of the District Government override the decisions of the coronor's jury and the grand jury which in each case heard evidence and under the law made a decision. Or would Reverend Fauntroy, like his militant comrades, have our policemen walk the streets as targets for every discontented rabel rousing militant to shoot at. If this is what he wants, where are we to get recruits?

Therefore, we believe that his serving as Vice Chairman of the District of Columbia City Council and his continued affiliation with some other organizations represents a definite conflict of interest to the overall good and welfare of the city and we request that the President of the United States, the Mayor and other responsible persons to join with us in immediately calling for the resignation of Reverend Fauntroy from the City Council. We further request that the National Democratic Committee take appropriate action to the remarks made by Reverend Channing Phillips.

Our association has nothing but praise and admiration for our Mayor, the Chief of Police, and our Public Safety Director, in the statements they have made and support they have given us in this ordeal. We are hopeful that prompt action will be taken by the President of the United States with reference to the Vice Chairman, Reverend Fauntroy. We are convinced that the President in his recent message meant what he said: "We must have law and order and make our Nation's Capital a model city."

CAPITOL HILL SOUTHEAST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Washington, D.C., July 27, 1968.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, House District Committee,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The Capitol Hill Southeast Citizens Association notes that HR 14430 has recently been before you for hearings. Is it the same as the Broyhill bill? That proposal was to bring the local police under Police Commissioner who will have control of all United States police in the various government buildings as well as those under jurisdiction of the District Building or Government.

Last spring, the organization discussed the Broyhill bill interested in similar legislation, and the Executive Board voted in favor of strengthening the police protection in the Nation's Capital, by placing all five police forces within the District of Columbia under someone connected with Congress such as a Police Commissioner.

At present, the police of the District Government do not have authority or instructions to protect Washington, D.C. Militants are demanding more and more control of the police which definitely endangers the welfare of the residents, taxpayers, and the distinguished foreigners who reside here, while representing foreign countries. Each day, the problems become more serious; the District Government has no authority to protect anyone.

This is the Nation's Capital with the United States Government owning over fifty percent of the land and extremely valuable government buildings. Law and order must prevail, and such a unified police force should consolidate and strengthen enforcement of the Law as well as protect government interests and the citizens of Washington, D.C.

Capitol Hill Southeast Citizens Association members are terrified at the present lack of law enforcement given by the District Police Department.

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH DRAPER, *Secretary.*