

Place of proposed event: An area west of 17th Street, N.W. and north of west-bound Independence Avenue to be agreed upon by the staffs of the applicant and the National Park Service.

Estimate of number of persons expected to attend: 2,000-3,000.

Statement of equipment and facilities to be installed by applicant for use in connection therewith: Pre-fabricated shelters; sanitary facilities; water; electricity; telephone, connection to existing sewers for waste disposal; etc.

We shall be available to furnish such additional information as you may require in the processing of this application.

Very truly yours,

FRANK D. REEVES,
Chairman, Legal Services Committee.

LEROY D. CLARK

Of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., as Chief Counsel for the Poor People's Campaign of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

OTHER PERMITS GRANTED

Mr. DOWDY. Mr. Castro, there is another thing that came up recently about other permits and the committee has had complaints about the Park Service issuing permits for these demonstrators, whether hippies or whatever they are, to set up a tent on "P" Street.

Mr. CASTRO. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. It was indicated that the group wanted to set up a tent along the Mall like Resurrection City, but this was refused and a permit was granted for them to set up a tent on "P" Street. Is this correct?

Mr. CASTRO. A permit was granted to an organization for a demonstration last Saturday afternoon on "P" Street. This is an area open for demonstrations in the Park System. This permit was issued in accordance with our policy and regulations.

Mr. DOWDY. Can you tell me when a policy was established to open up areas for purposes of demonstrations?

Mr. CASTRO. I don't know how far back this goes but we have certain areas in the Park System that are closed to demonstrators and certain areas that are open. The "P" Street area happens to be one that is open.

Mr. DOWDY. Is there something in the Federal regulations to that effect that has been published in the Federal Register?

Mr. CASTRO. It is a part of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Section 36.

Mr. DOWDY. Part 50?

Mr. CASTRO. Part 50, Section 36. I am sorry, it is CFR 36, Part 50.

Mr. DOWDY. You gave them a permit to set up a tent, is that right?

Mr. CASTRO. Our Superintendent of the Central National Parks did that but I take the responsibility for it.

Mr. DOWDY. I understand they plan to hold other meetings at Dupont Circle.

Mr. CASTRO. Permits are not required there. Dupont Circle is an open area. If they wanted to have a demonstration in Lafayette Park they would need a permit, and many times we have refused to issue permits for Lafayette Park and for other closed areas as well.

Mr. DOWDY. Are there any rules and regulations at all as to what kind of demonstrations they can hold in these open places you referred to?