

Mr. ADAMS. When the veterans came here in 1932, did they stay on park property?

Mr. CASTRO. They squatted on park property, I understand.

Mr. ADAMS. They did not get a permit, did they?

Mr. CASTRO. No, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. When other groups such as the American Legion come to town, is that handled by the Metropolitan Police Department or do you put personnel in to handle them?

Mr. CASTRO. We have a working arrangement with the Metropolitan Police which in my mind has been very workable and very satisfactory, and we cooperate back and forth on all special events.

Mr. ADAMS. In other words, you put men in the field when you are going to have an American Legion parade and you pay them overtime and so on?

Mr. CASTRO. If necessary, yes. An American Legion convention in Washington would probably involve a huge parade, and our jurisdiction begins at 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, which traditionally is where parades begin, and the Metropolitan Police help us out just as we help them out.

Mr. ADAMS. You have to police that group when that occurs?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes, sir, we often provide police service.

Mr. ADAMS. How often does that happen?

Mr. CASTRO. For example, the Christmas Pageant of Peace is held annually on the Ellipse. The Park Police usually handles all of that because the event is pretty well contained within the Ellipse.

Mr. ADAMS. And you have to construct and dismantle structures for those events?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes. That is done within our policy and regulations.

Mr. ADAMS. As I remember, for the Christmas Pageant you have a fire and yule log and this tears up the turf there?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes, we do.

Mr. ADAMS. And you restore that turf after it is over?

Mr. CASTRO. We reseed it.

Mr. ADAMS. I notice at the Washington Monument you have done some reseeding there. You had a large gathering on July 4th and after that you had to reseed that area?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes. We are continually reseeding and keeping up the turf there.

Mr. ADAMS. You indicated there was a general policy on the use of parks and I am trying to fit that in the context of Resurrection City and Dupont Circle, with the inquiry you have a continuing contact with groups representing a variety of people and you clean up after all of them, don't you?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. And this amounts to a considerable amount of money?

Mr. CASTRO. It does, indeed. We spend a considerable part of our budget on that. But we have major events such as the Watergate Concerts all summer long that involve comparatively little expense. The Fourth of July celebration attracts about 100,000 people each year. The Christmas Pageant attracts a large group, as does the President's Cup Regatta and others.

Mr. ADAMS. You mentioned the expenses of sodding the site of Resurrection City and several other things which your Solicitor has ad-