

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to—

"(1) authorize the Police Commissioner to combine any of the police forces under his jurisdiction or transfer any officer or member of a police force under his jurisdiction to a position in another police force under his jurisdiction without the prior consent of such officer or member; or

"(2) affect the rights and privileges under personnel laws and regulations in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act of any officer or member of a police force under the jurisdiction of the Police Commissioner."

The reason for that was to protect the integrity of each separate Police Department, as well as to protect the personnel of these departments from being arbitrarily transferred from one department to another without their consent. Also it is to protect the seniority and so forth of the personnel within the departments.

Mr. Castro, there was no intent by the sponsors or authors of this legislation that the several police forces would be completely merged into one unit, and the primary functions of the separate police departments abandoned, so I fail to see how this bill will injure in any way the principal purposes and objectives of the Park Police. On the contrary it should be most helpful in the coordination of training and equipment, as well as the coordination of the separate forces objectives at times when there are problems such as occurred in Resurrection City and elsewhere.

It seems to me this will create a much better administrative set-up so far as effectiveness of the Police Department is concerned.

I cannot understand, then, why you would object to this.

Mr. CASTRO. Mr. Broyhill, in my judgment I think we are just adding one more layer of management.

Mr. BROYHILL. We are eliminating layers. We are taking out the five present separate layers, and substituting only one.

Mr. CASTRO. Perhaps so in your mind, sir. In my mind it adds a layer. I think that the Park Police would lose their autonomy under such an arrangement as this.

For example, I would find it awkward, Mr. Broyhill, to do business with the Chief of the Park Police if I had to go through a Police Commissioner. In fact I would find it very awkward. I think it would be very cumbersome.

Mr. BROYHILL. Let us go back to your statement, at the bottom of page 1. You refer to the Park Police having other things to do in addition to dealing exclusively with the problems of crime and law enforcement, and that this legislation would prevent you from performing these other functions.

Do you know of any police department among the five we are talking about who deal exclusively with the problem of crime and law enforcement?

Mr. CASTRO. I think for the record I said "partially or substantially." I didn't use the word "exclusively." I agree with you. I don't think that word is correct in that context.

I think the point I should make with you, sir, is this:

Our Park Police spend a good deal of their time on interpretive work by virtue of the fact that they are at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Washington Monument and other places. They have