

Mr. CASTRO. Mr. Broyhill, I don't work in devious ways. We are doing this because there is a need for it.

We found this out last spring when we had the Resurrection City exercise and the heavy rains. The area south of the sodded area became a bog because of the rains. We have had problems there before—before Resurrection City was even thought about.

We are not justifying this for any reason other than that there is need for it. We have no hidden agendas.

Mr. BROYHILL. This is very interesting information.

Mr. NELSON. I was interested in the witness from the Interior Department saying you dismantled the buildings and took the lumber. Has the supplier been paid? Does he not have a prior lien against the lumber, which has not been paid? How can the government seize it unless they are sure it has been paid for?

Mr. CASTRO. I have no way of knowing what, if any, amount the Southern Christian Leadership Conference owes its suppliers.

Mr. DOWDY. I would like you to tell me what channels the Park Police uses in the matter of prosecution where an arrest is made by a park policeman?

Chief WRIGHT. We use exactly the same procedure as the Metropolitan Police. We do not have lock-up facilities. We use lock-up facilities of the nearest precinct of the particular park where the arrest is made.

The procedure through court is exactly the same as that of the Metropolitan Police, through the Corporation Counsel's Office or the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Mr. BROYHILL. If an arrest is made on the Boulevard?

Chief WRIGHT. Yes.

OTHER PERMITS DENIED

Mr. DOWDY. It is difficult for me to make a parallel with regard to Resurrection City. In this present year, Mr. Whitener said the Boy Scouts made a request to use the Monument Grounds for three days in July. Was that turned down?

Mr. CASTRO. Not to my knowledge. Forgive me if I made a comparison between the two uses of parklands.

Mr. DOWDY. Were the Boy Scouts turned down because of their belief in a "God and country," which seems to be a controversial subject? They do not advocate turning the country upside-down and burning it up.

Mr. CASTRO. During the time that Resurrection City was in operation we had a number of requests for the same privilege from other groups and we declined them. We had a reason for declining them, and it is simple—we had no way of extending police protection to any other groups that might be using parklands under those auspices.

I think the request for permit you might be referring to is one we received from a church group.

Mr. DOWDY. That is another one.

Mr. CASTRO. We did not decline that request. It came at the height of the April riots. We asked for a deferral of a decision on it, and the people who got our letter took that to mean we had declined to issue a permit, which was not the case at all. It was the timing of it which caused us to defer a decision, and nothing else.