

2. The Omnibus Crime Bill for the District of Columbia signed into law some 9 months ago by the President has not stopped crime in the District of Columbia.

3. The D.C. City Council's gun registration measures, which are now being challenged in the Courts will not stop crime in the District.

4. I might add that I was shocked to read a report in the *Washington Post* of Sept. 2, which declared that, and I quote:

"Jonathan D. Schiller 21, connects the Columbia University riots of last spring with Washington's police-community relations crisis of this summer.

"A six-foot, five-inch exponent of the New Left, . . . Schiller . . . Now a \$100-a-week summer intern for the City Council . . . helped turn out the 43-page report on police-community relations that is still being considered by the Council.

"For two weeks, with his Columbia experience still fresh in his mind, Schiller plowed through reports of various crime commissions, called police and law enforcement officials and conferred with specialists from the Justice Department."

I am told on good authority, by a highly respected reporter, that Mr. Hechinger and the City Council admits that the *Washington Post* story is accurate, and that Mr. Schiller was hired for this sensitive position in an attempt to rehabilitate him.

This incredible situation cannot be corrected by any legislation short of returning the District Government to the control of the former Board of Commissioners, and completely rescinding the reorganization as suggested by Congressman Sisk earlier this year.

I am delighted that Congressman Broyhill brought this matter to the attention of the Nation by including information on the Schiller case in the *Congressional Record* of September 17, 1968, and roundly condemned the City Council for its position—a position which borders on the frivolous, and makes a mockery of its position on police-community relations.

5. The fifth reason the adoption of H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448 to establish a Commissioner is essential, is that no other city in the country has a fragmented police force such as we have here in the Nation's Capital.

A unified police force is just as essential to wage a successful war on crime at home as a unified Department of Defense is essential to wage a war against our enemies from abroad.

Let us look at the experience with Resurrection City earlier this year, on the park grounds near the Lincoln Memorial. The City Police had reports, and the newspapers reported the daily incidence of crime, rape, burglary, beatings which took place there. Yet, the Park Police considered and maintained they couldn't enter there to establish law and order. The Metropolitan Police were kept off limits by the Park Service under Secretary of the Interior Udall. The situation rapidly deteriorated.

Finally, the Congress insisted that there was no justification for an enclave on park land which the police could not enter.

As you know, it was the Metropolitan Police which established law and order there. If there had been a unified police force, the situation would not have gotten out of hand.

At Dupont Circle, the park police have stood around with their hands in their pockets while all kinds of unlawful goings-on are permitted. Some months ago, a young white couple were assaulted. Finally, some middle-aged Negroes went to their defense, and called the Metropolitan Police.

The opposition to a unified police force is centered in the very same forces who have maintained that it is "justifiable homicide" to kill white policemen, and who have encouraged this type of lawlessness, who have been responsible for the burning and looting of Washington which has not taken place since the War of 1812 and the British invasion of Washington and their setting fire to the White House.

We love our Nation's Capital. We think the police must be unified so that they can establish "domestic tranquility" guaranteed by the Constitution—but which is so lacking today.

Mr. Dowdy. The Committee will now stand adjourned.
(Thereupon at 12:05 p.m. the Committee adjourned.)