

hours than others. Some work only a few hours on occasion, so that first of all I would not consider arming them automatically when they are first brought into the service. There would need to be a period of training, and then perhaps on a selective basis.

I also agree that once they are armed they should have and they would have the same authority that any other police officer would have that the law permits to use the weapon once he has been considered by the officials that he has reached the point he should be armed.

Mr. DOWDY. The first gun I had was given me when I was nine years old. My father spent more time telling me what not to do than he did in teaching me how to shoot straight.

I think it is well that young folks, and older ones, too, are told what not to do with a gun.

That is all. Thank you.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Abernethy?

Mr. ABERNETHY. I have no questions. I would just like to first commend the Policemen's Association for the statement which they issued on yesterday or the day before. Also I would like to commend the support which you, Mr. Murphy, and the other gentlemen have given the Association regarding this so-called United Black Front. Perhaps you are not in a position to comment as an official. Perhaps you might comment as a private citizen on the position taken by this fellow Fauntroy on that.

We feel you are left in the status of a divided government, you as the head of the Police Department supporting the police, and the City Council supporting the Black Front.

In think it is very unfortunate that people like Fauntroy are left on the City Council, and I think the community was just as disappointed last night as it was this morning when the Chairman of the Council come out in support of Fauntroy, probably with a majority of the Council, since the others have been so silent.

I don't know how you gentlemen feel about it but if I had appointed that Council I would have them in my office this morning. I don't know whether the President has called them in or not but if he has not he certainly ought to.

It is not for me to say what the President ought to do, but the people of this city are entitled to good police protection. You are obviously trying to give it to them. Certainly you cannot give it to them unless you have the support of the City Council which invidently you do not have.

I suppose about all you can do is sit there and gulp. I wish you might be able to say more. Maybe you can. I don't know.

Mr. GUDE. If the gentleman would yield, I was not aware of any change in position as far as the Chairman of the Council was concerned.

I know Commissioner Washington made his position clear about this.

Mr. ABERNETHY. I heard this morning, I think it was this morning or last night—

Mr. DOWDY. It was in yesterday's paper.

Mr. ABERNETHY. —that the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Hechinger, came out in support of Mr. Fauntroy. I don't know of anybody else supporting him except the United Front.