

ALDERMEN VOTE TO PUT 975 ON POLICE BEATS

Then Weaken and Decide to Let Garrity Hold the Bag.

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The council police committee yesterday recommended the transfer of 975 men from non-essential employment—for which they were paid \$1,742,900 annually—to the useful duty of patrolling streets.

However, the lifting of these men from soft berths to the concrete sidewalks is subject to the result of a conference next Tuesday afternoon with Police Chief Garrity. If the committee program is not carried out, it is planned to have the chief hold the bag. He must say it is impracticable, and so convince the committee.

Fight Made on Program.

"This obviates the necessity for an extra 1,000 patrolmen," commented Ald. Eaton. But, the plan has not been put into effect. Michael O'Connor, head of the patrolman's organization, and a committee of the police operators, of which Thomas Madden acted as spokesman, started a fight against the program yesterday.

Roughly, the committee adopted the Boston system of utilizing the uniformed force, modified slightly on two hints gained from the New York system.

Increase Is Shown.

Under the plan, the patrolmen on posts would be augmented as follows, the table also showing the annual salaries of each group:

	Number	Salaries
Police operators	153	\$ 244,800
Patrolmen	656	1,180,400
Sergeants	166	365,200
Total	975	1,790,400

The plan may be summarized as follows: A captain will be in command of a police station. The lieutenants will do the work of the desk sergeants and the police operators, all of the latter's 153 jobs to be abolished. The 166 desk sergeants relieved are to be assigned to do the work of patrol sergeants. At present there are eighty-three lieutenants, and to carry out the program 102 will be needed, so, from the saving \$47,500 must be deducted, or if sergeants are used as acting lieutenants the deductions would be only \$41,800.

Must Call on Reserves.

For assistance the lieutenant will be required to call upon the reserve patrolmen in the stations. The detail of two patrolmen each shift on patrol wagons and ambulances is to be abolished. Each wagon will have a driver only. The patrolman who made the arrest can travel to the station in the wagon, or the lieutenant can send out on the wagon a patrolman on reserve. That is expected to put 200 additional men on beat.

The men on reserve can act as turnkeys, which will put eighty-nine other men on post duty. The snap of license officer is to be abolished and the day man on each beat will look after all licenses. Then, it is estimated there are 150 men in citizen's dress, seventy-five in clerical positions and 100 on other special details, who are to be put in harness and made to travel beat. The operators will follow. Those unfit for post duty will be shoved into the vacant clerical jobs.

Plans Are Contrasted.

According to the plan worked out by Maj. Miles of the efficiency staff, no one is discharged and the patrol service is increased 20 per cent.

In addition, the committee, on motion of Ald. Guernsey, ordered an ordinance drawn to compel a record to be kept of all those who violate the traffic ordinances and laws.

FILM OPERATORS REFUSE STRIKE AT PRESENT TIME

The movie operators of Chicago will not strike, unless in the final showdown the managers refuse to arbitrate with the Equity association. That was the sense of a meeting of several hundred operators held at 165 North La Salle street last night.

Representatives of the Equity association pleaded for an immediate strike in sympathy, but this was voted down according to Thomas J. Reynolds, president of Local 110, embracing every union operator in the city; Bur Churchhill of New York, representing the Equity, and Dick Green, representing the stage hands.

It was voted to assess each member of the unions represented at the meeting \$1 a month for a war chest, which is to be turned over to the Equity association to aid them in their fight. Scenery movers and billposters were included in the membership present.

Speeding Autos Hit Three; Fly On; Victim May Die

Walter Worth, 15 years old, of 251 North Fairfield avenue, was probably fatally injured last night when he was struck at California avenue and Washington boulevard by an automobile, which failed to stop after the accident.

John Werle, 7 years old, of 2251 West Twenty-first place, is in St. Anthony's hospital suffering from a fracture of the right leg and a possible skull fracture, caused when struck by a speeding automobile.

John Kelly, 6 years old, 5432 South Wood street, was seriously hurt last evening when he was hit by an automobile. Thomas E. Lake, 536 West Sixty-third place, owner and driver of the car, is held.