

# COMPLETE PLAN TO REORGANIZE CHICAGO POLICE

## Greater Efficiency Is Goal of Committee.

The long expected plan under which a group of university heads, criminologists, and other educators and scientists, designated more than a year ago, would reorganize the Chicago police department, was made public yesterday. As handed to the press it had been unanimously approved by a citizens' advisory committee composed of 48 business and professional men headed by Elmer T. Stevens.

Police Commissioner Russell, to whom the report was given, was expected to make some announcement concerning it shortly. It was generally understood among the members of the advisory committee that the commissioner had been informed of some of the proposed changes and had approved them.

### Some of Proposed Changes.

Among the most important changes recommended are the following:

1. Removal of the commissioner's main office from the city hall to the police building at 11th and State streets.
2. Reduction of units and individuals directly responsible to the commissioner from twenty to eight.
3. The taking from the shoulders of the commissioner of a mass of detail, "minor and unrelated administrative duties," and placing them in the hands of the eight department heads and others.
4. Conversion of the chief deputy commissioner into an assistant chief of police "in fact."
5. Redivisioning of the city into six instead of five police divisions, no division to be composed of more than eight nor less than six of the present 41 police districts.

### Inspectorship System Urged.

6. Creation of a system of inspectorships to be filled by captains. A chief inspector would be in command of the six divisions with divisional inspectors under him. An inspector would be in charge of the traffic bureau and another in charge of the morals division.
7. The grouping of all police activities under six general heads, these to be director of personnel, chief of detectives, chief inspector, inspector in charge of the traffic bureau, department secretary in charge of the records and property bureau, and the inspector in charge of the morals division. The secretary to the commissioner and the deputy commissioner make up the eight proposed heads responsible to the commissioner.

### Bruce Smith Author of Plan.

Bruce Smith of the National Institute of Public Administration, an expert in police organization and internationally known as the reorganizer of police departments in more than fifty cities in the world, is the author of the proposed plan. He made it known on behalf of the citizens' police committee, created in August of 1928, after he had spent seven months making a survey of the department.

The committee made it plain that the reorganization, if effected, will be only the beginning of a series of changes they propose to increase the efficiency of the department and make a better and broader use of its man power.

### "More Police Protection."

"Every citizen should be vitally interested in this new plan," Mr. Smith said. "It means a greater police protection for every one. Under it more men may be put on duty patrolling the streets in plain clothes or in uniform, and that is precisely the added protection Chicago's people need."

"The effect of the proposed changes is especially marked on the south side [second division], which is now in some respects underorganized from the standpoint of police service. The second division, as at present constituted, includes one-half of the city area, one-third of the population, and 15 out of the 41 police districts. The

proposed plan recognizes this condition and corrects it."

The plan to reorganize the police department grew out of cursory survey of the department records made in 1928 by Henry Barrett Chamberlin, director of the Chicago crime commission. Mr. Chamberlin made his report in August, 1928, and Commissioner Russell at once wrote to Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern university; Frank J. Loesch, president of the crime commission; Andrew A. Bruce, president of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, and Frederic Woodward, vice president of the University of Chicago.

The commissioner asked these men if they would undertake a survey of the department. They agreed to do it and created the citizens' police committee to raise \$50,000 for the work. They then resolved themselves into a supervisory committee and appointed an operating committee.

### The Operating Committee:

The members of the operating committee are John H. Wigmore, dean emeritus of Northwestern university law school, chairman; Leonard D. White, professor of political science at the University of Chicago; Frederic B. Crossley, managing editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology; George O. Fairweather, assistant business manager of the University of Chicago; Ernest W. Burgess, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago; Ernst W. Puttkammer, professor of law at the University of Chicago; Mr. Chamberlin, and Mr. Bruce.

This committee then obtained the cooperation of the business and professional men and brought Mr. Smith here.