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His Honor, Mayor Richard J. Daley, announced Monday the forming of a twenty-three man committee to recommend ways of bettering relations between the Police Department and citizens. The committee is composed of persons from business, professional and public service fields who have established themselves as responsible members of the community. Mayor Daley said that this committee is not a civilian review board but rather a committee to make recommendations to the Mayor on ways and means of improving the relationship of the Police Department with the community.

The wisdom of this move should be apparent to all of us. Today, the magnitude of the tasks which beset law enforcement bodies seems at times overwhelming. We are confronted with a rising crime rate, adverse court decisions, and perplexing problems brought about by incessant cries of police inefficiency and misconduct. Unfortunately, our detractors offer no practical solution to our problems. The committee, on the other hand, will search for ways and means to promote the smooth and satisfactory performance of the police function.

We stand to reap tremendous benefit from the work of the committee. An honest appraisal by an independent unbiased body can have no other result. Of this, I am sure. I believe that the following are some of the questions that the committee will consider in its deliberations.

What things can be done to improve relations between the public and the police? To win public support for law observance and law enforcement? To develop a public attitude of repugnance toward crime and misbehavior? To promote respect for law and order? To foster a public concept that Chicago's police are their allies in the war on crime and not their oppressors?

Are we doing some things that we should not do? Are there additional things that we should be doing? Can our training be improved? What can we do to further instill in our ranks a concept of public service—a service rendered with courtesy, integrity and due regard for human dignity and civil rights?

Are there additional community resources which should be made available to assist the police in the solution of social problems?

I am confident that when the deliberations of the committee are concluded and the results made known, the public will have gained new insight into our operations, understanding of our problems, and appreciation of our efforts. At the same time, as policemen we can gain a greater appreciation of our role in the life of our community - as civil servants of the people in the truest and finest sense of the term - serving all the people with complete equality and without any differentiation with respect to their race or nationality.

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