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2. That you instruct the Health Commissioner of Baltimore, in person or by authorized deputies, to inspect the plants complained of in relation to the public health.
3. That you invite representatives of employers and workers to confer with you, looking to a settlement of the entire controversy."

Considering these recommendations in their order:

(1) Recommendation No. 1 is that the Police Commissioner and the City Solicitor confer with the Mayor as to "the regulations in force and hereafter to be adopted." I understand this to refer to the statements on Pages 55 and 56 of the report, to the effect that:

"The police authorities are of the opinion that in order to protect life and property and to preserve public order it is necessary to draw a cordon two blocks distant about the affected plants and to limit the number of pickets to four, and to arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct or its equivalent any worker or group of workers entering the restricted zone with the presumable intention of picketing."

Dr. Hollander recognizes that this is a matter largely in the discretion of the police authorities, but he says:

"It is proper, however, for me to add that in other cities where similar conditions have arisen a substantially larger number of pickets have been allowed; that in the Baltimore situation it has only been with respect to the two major establishments (Greif and Schoeneman) that the police have imposed such rigid limitations, and that in the case of other establishments practically unlimited picketing has been permitted; that to limit the number of pickets to four with a two block cordon is in effect to withhold from the workers the right to employ a device in industrial controversy which the highest courts of the land have declared to be valid; and that as matters now stand the police department of Baltimore is operating, however unwittingly, as the principal agency by which the employers may hope to win the strike."

It is clear that neither the Mayor nor the City Solicitor has any legal control over the Police Department. It may be that Dr. Hollander has confused the Law Department with the State's Attorney's Office.