

When it was reported that all the factors essential to good police-community relations were not present in Baltimore, and when questions were raised regarding the administration of the Police Department, Mayor McKeldin and I, with the consent of Police Commissioner Schmidt, appointed a special committee to study the problems and propose possible solutions.

Under the chairmanship of Attorney General Thomas B. Finan and with the assistance of qualified experts in police administration, this committee now is conducting its study. I can assure you that prompt and appropriate action by Mayor McKeldin and me will follow, for both of us are keenly aware of our obligations to furnish the citizens of Baltimore with the best possible police protection.

In devoting much of its broadcast time today to a discussion of law enforcement problems, WBAL News has performed an important public service, for without a public understanding of the problems, there will be no public support for solutions.

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It has been said that he who receives a benefit should never forget it and he who bestows it should never remember it. And so, my observation now may not be entirely appropriate. I am constrained, nevertheless, to observe that before me are a great many persons who are serving, or have served, as trial magistrates by executive appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the State Senate, of course.

The risk involved in making appointments to public office has been stated in many ways, but I think the thought was expressed best by Louis XIV, the Grand Monarch of France, who said for every appointment he made 99 enemies and one ingrate. This is a witticism, containing a strong kernel of truth but not to be taken too literally. Before me I can see no countenances expressing ingratitude.

But to get back to my original maxim, if bestowing upon you the office of trial magistrate was a benefit, I should forget it. You should remember it, according to the saying, but I should not. In any case,