

The "adopt-a-cop" plan could do the same thing in our own communities. Naturally funds would *not* be required. But the purpose would be the same, to promote friendship and understanding with local law enforcement officers. Perhaps the students of each school could adopt their own police officer and he could adopt them. They could meet regularly and informally to discuss problems of mutual interest. And by developing a truly personal, one-to-one relationship a deeper, more meaningful understanding on the part of both could be achieved.

*Three.* Sponsor a Law Enforcement Club or program within your school and make it swing. Plan programs that are controversial with plenty of opportunity for student participation. Interest and involvement are the keys to any successful venture.

Actually there is no area of public service which is more fascinating than law enforcement and, while Maryland's police work may not come up to Mission Impossible standards, there's plenty of adventure within the realm of reality.

*Four.* Concentrate your efforts where you can be most effective. According to law enforcement experts, there are three principal areas involving youth. These are crime, riots, and revolution on the campus. Center your discussion on these so that you may assist your police and your classmates in understanding the nature and causes of these problems.

*Five.* Initiate self-help programs and cross-community dialogue. And do it yourself! Nothing planned for you is ever as gratifying or as satisfying as that which you do for yourself. Only you can determine what goals *you* want to achieve and, in the last analysis, only you can achieve them.

You know that much crime is caused by economic deprivation, much rage from blind prejudice and misunderstanding. You can form Service Squads to ease the pain of poverty, to overcome misunderstanding through contact and communication. Perhaps you can help others as they help themselves in neighborhood improvement projects. Perhaps your school's Service Squad can help to paint a house, build a bookcase or clear a cluttered vacant lot. Granted it takes time and talent and initiative — but if you're ever going to take on the problems of the world, and one day you must, this is a good way to begin.

Cross-community dialogue is equally important and you have the nucleus to organize such a venture in the Maryland Association of