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fixed the habitation of himself and his family, not for a mere special or temporary purpose; but with a present intention of making it his permanent home. However, it must be remembered that the domicile of an individual depends not upon one fact, but upon all facts and circumstances taken together which must be determined in each particular case. This includes such items as intent of the individual, residence of family, mailing address, voting registration, telephone listings, tax roles, and other similar facts and practices".

As you can see, my wishes are not germane to the issues as defined by the ordinance. If you are sincere -- and you seem to be -- let me add this. You know where your home is. If it is in Detroit, then you are in agreement with the spirit and letter of the ordinance. If it is not, you are not. It is that simple and you're in a "heap of hurt."

Inquiry: Why is administration attempting to sweep the harassment of police officers by militant groups in the Boyd, Bethune, and Brown case, under the rug?

Response:

I'm not sure whether you refer to harassment in the streets or harassment in the public forum. If you refer to public harassment in the newspapers, at hearings, and by coalition groups, then I think, you must remember one thing: Our actions, as police officers are fully accountable to the citizens through the courts and through their elected representatives. During times of crisis, we must act rationally and prove our mettle. We cannot -- as some would like to see -- blow our "cool" and endanger court cases and allow killers to go free. It is understandable that your feelings may be intense when brother officers are wounded and coldly executed. This feeling is not confined to the line personnel, but permeates this Department to the very top. It becomes even more gut-wrenching when the murder of our fellow officers becomes clouded in the smoke screen of charges and counter charges, when persons come forth to denounce the Department's actions in trying to find the killers. However, I repeat, we, of all people, must proceed not on emotionalism, even when voices are risen which seem to fly in the face of reason, but on a sound rational basis. The fact is that if there were instances of unjustifiable or illegal acts on the part of certain officers, these acts reflect upon us all and should be dealt with. However, if the actions in question in any given instance were justifiable and legal, then an investigation will only give them strength. There are those who for whatever reason would divide and polarize our

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community. We, as peace officers, should not, and will not, join them in that effort.

Inquiry:

Why is it that some precincts in this city allow their men to take leave days on platoon two when they are going to court so they can either get paid or get court time, and other precincts will not allow their men to do this? I know of two precincts out of three, under the same District Inspector, that are doing this. If some precincts are allowed this privilege, why not all of us? I'm losing money when I work platoon two.

Response:

Leave days are posted seven days in advance of the month and can only be changed with the mutual consent of both parties. We need a little more information than you have given us in order to make an intelligent decision. However, while all the facts are not in, the practice has an unsavory aroma. Inspectional Services has been directed to check all the precincts and to report their findings to this office. You can aid the investigation by giving us the precincts you mention.

Inquiry:

It appears a lieutenant's responsibilities and duties have increased while the Department's authorized number remains fairly stable. Is the Commissioner planning to request additional lieutenants in the budget to better accommodate these new duties and responsibilities?

Response:

You are either awful new or naive. Lieutenant's responsibilities have not increased, but rather have been more clearly defined and spelled out. The precinct complement of lieutenants has increased, and the precinct Special Operations was implemented. Some where along the line, the world has passed you by.

Inquiry:

All this good publicity on you lately. A prelude to seeking a higher office? A lot of people at 1300 Beaubien think so. Another Rizzo? We're not knocking it, just wondering.

Response:

I have never taken myself seriously as a candidate for Mayor. It is flattering, for a man who is a cop at heart, but the pressing demands of my office, leave me little time to think about politics.