

15th. The amount allowed, however, will cover only the cost, installation and maintenance throughout the year and no provision was made for the employment of additional operating help. It was necessary, therefore, to draft members within the Department and coach them in the elementary principles of broadcasting, for the purpose of obtaining a license from the Federal Radio Commission. As a result we now have nine (9) members who possess the required license. We plan to operate fourteen (14) scout cars with twenty-four hour service in the outlying residential sections, and six (6) cruisers in the City proper. It is hoped that the success of this undertaking will justify a subsequent appropriation to equip additional cars with radio apparatus.

As provided by the Charter, specifications were prepared and released in the month of October inviting proposals for furnishing uniform garments, over a period of two years from January 1st, 1933, and bids were made returnable on December 5th, at which time twelve contractors submitted propositions. S. Abrahams & Company, Philadelphia, Pa., the lowest responsible bidder, agreed to furnish a complete outfit for a patrolman for \$72.25. This price was lower by \$2.55 than the next lowest bid and, as provided by law, the contract was awarded to that company.

During the early summer months, the Department was called upon to assist members of the Bonus Expeditionary Forces while passing through the City en-route to Washington, D. C., and this condition was satisfactorily met by hiring trucks, and otherwise providing conveyances to expedite their movement. Upon their return, later in the year, we again furnished the same means of transportation, paid for expenses incident thereto, and provided food, gasoline, and other automobile accessories, when requested.

In the month of December, we were confronted with a proposition occasioned by the movement of an organization of Communists, otherwise known as "Hunger Marchers," who upon arrival were concentrated at the One Hundred and Fourth Medical Regiment Armory and at halls maintained or controlled by persons identified with their organization. The same program was employed upon their return, and the situation was handled without undue publicity.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES D. GAITHER,

Police Commissioner.