

deaf men who cannot hear, dumb men who cannot speak, multi-handicapped who cannot walk or place anybody under arrest.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Now, if...do you know of any of these people, individuals, who have been prosecuted and not...nothing happened to them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I had it brought to my attention that one man who has been prosecuted, found guilty, and sentenced to ten years in federal court but is still walking around. It is suppose to be on appeal. The one next door to the barber shop with the fish market has been busted several times with heroin in his possession, but he has not been brought to trial.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: Do you know the...do you know where in the chain this has...there has been a failure or breakdown of the prosecution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's up to the County Attorney to bring the prosecution and set a trial date and this has not been done and Municipal Judge, Betty Pittman, at a meeting was wondering why this man has not been brought to trial herself.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: I also noticed or heard on the news me..on the radio the other morning when I was coming in, of a large group of people and it named them and I do not...I had nothing to write their names with because I was driving the car, but a rather large group of people, responsible citizens in your area in Omaha, went to the, I believe, to the City Council..

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: And asked for more enforcement of the Drug laws and that there be some effort made to clean up the...for protection, as a matter of fact, I believe, is what they used. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is true.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: Is that prevalent?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is what prevalent?

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: The...well, it seems to be almost a total breakdown of....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. That's why just putting more Omaha police in the area is not going to work, because there is a multiplicity of cruiser cars. They are very much in evidence but the occupants don't do anything to solve the problems. I think they aggravate them so by adding ten additional Omaha policemen as the Council envisions is not going to solve the problem. Those they have right now are adequate in terms of numbers. They are not doing the job. We need a different level of law enforcement and I think the state should be given the opportunity to provide it.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: Well, this is possible and I'm asking these questions, not to try to be smart or anything of that kind. I'm trying to pin down where the area of responsibility lies. Is it possible that the Police Department of Omaha has been discouraged or has lost its incentive to get after these drug pushers and peddlers because there has been a breakdown in the chain of prosecution command somewhere else, in the County Attorney's office, or the prosecuting section of the County Attorney's office, or Courts, or where ever.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Dope is a very lucrative business and the money that is derived from its sale produces political power and an invisible government which has more power than the government that's seen. These people don't run for office, but