

that their efforts should be confined to their work of caring for dependent children and should not include the care of delinquent children. This work was then taken over by the city. As the city had not evolved any policy for the running of the Detention Home, it was placed, temporarily, under the dual management of the Property Department and the Social Service Commission, where it has since remained. Believing that the policy of divided management is not in the best interests of the work being done for juvenile delinquents,

The Bureau recommends that the Detention Home be placed under the jurisdiction of the Judge of the Juvenile Court.

This policy would make for the best administration, and is the recognized practice in practically every city where a publicly-supported detention home is part of the Court machinery.

The present building, which is rented for \$45.00 per month, is most undesirably located to carry out the work for which it is maintained, being in a congested, down-town district, without any adequate yard or playground facilities. The building itself, while kept in a cleanly condition, depends to a large extent on artificial lighting, the whole atmosphere being drab and somewhat prisonlike. The boys' day quarters, which adjoin the kitchen, particularly are very bare and unattractive, the furniture consisting of some benches and tables. There is practically no provision, outside of checkers and dominoes, for keeping the children occupied during their residence in the Home.

In this connection, the Bureau would raise the point whether or not the Board of Education might be asked to co-operate by supplying a teacher for the instruction of the children in the Home.

This is the practice in many large cities, e.g., Winnipeg, Vancouver, Detroit, Pittsburg, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver and San Francisco.

The sleeping quarters occupy part of the second and the whole of the third storeys, consisting of four rooms in all, each with four or six beds. The bed-rooms are crowded and, although clean, are as unattractive as the day quarters. There is no special provision for the segregation of the different types of delinquents, with the result that children charged only with minor offences, such as truancy, are brought in close contact with boys sometimes mentally sub-normal and frequently guilty of vicious practices.

The house has accommodation for about 25 children, although there are seldom this number in residence at any one time, and is used entirely for the boys, while the girls are at present sent to St. Faith's Home.