

LETTERS TO THE TIMES

Police Recognition Appreciated as Encouraging by Chief Parker

It was indeed gratifying to read the editorial (Sept. 24) entitled, "First Line of Community Defense."

Our police officers are sensitive to the many unwarranted attempts to pillory the police as the basis for the Watts riots, and it is encouraging to them to receive recognition and praise from a newspaper of the standing and influence of *The Times*.

While there is considerable effort being expended to utilize the Watts situation to justify anti-police propaganda, it is well that the community realizes that it is the police that must be depended upon as the "first line of community defense" if such widespread violence should again occur.

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Chief of Police.