

Mr. EDWARDS. It is a very delicate thing when you start dealing with State and local people, isn't it?

Mr. HENDRICK. No question about it.

Mr. EDWARDS. How will that be affected when the prosecuting division of the Federal Government, the Attorney General's Office, is now the head of that relationship?

Mr. HENDRICK. If it is properly handled I do not see why there should be any difference there. The people who will be the agents in the new combined Bureau will be separate from the prosecuting attorneys after the reorganization plan goes into effect, just the way they are separate now.

Mr. EDWARDS. The Bureau of Narcotics over the years has placed in the foreign field certain representatives, field men or agents, whatever you call them. What do you call them?

Mr. HENDRICK. Agents.

Mr. EDWARDS. I believe the Attorney General testified yesterday that there were some 23 agents in foreign countries.

Mr. HENDRICK. That's right.

Mr. EDWARDS. This again, as in the case of States and local governments, is a very delicate situation, is it not?

Mr. HENDRICK. Even more delicate.

Mr. EDWARDS. These men have to gain the confidence of those that deal with those countries. You can't send a greenhorn over to get into this business, can you?

Mr. HENDRICK. Definitely not.

Mr. EDWARDS. This also has been established, this practice, this association, this relationship, over a long period of time between the Bureau of Narcotics and the Treasury Department and the foreign countries, with the local police in the foreign countries, with whatever system of government the foreign country happens to have.

If the Bureau of Narcotics goes into the Justice Department, what is going to be the relationship then?

Mr. HENDRICK. I think it all depends upon how it is handled. I think it can be handled so that the relationship remains excellent the way it is now. It will depend upon the wisdom of the person who runs the new combined Bureau.

A person as wise as the present Commissioner of Narcotics knows how to arrange relations with these foreign countries so that they remain good. I think we will just have to assume that whoever is put in charge will be chosen with a view not only to administrative capability and know-how, but also with a very sensitive appreciation of the difficulties of establishing and maintaining good relations in this very difficult field.

Mr. EDWARDS. The world being in such turmoil as it is today, with riots in foreign countries, and throwing of eggs and ink on our embassies, burning our libraries, all of this going on that we read about today in the papers and that we see on television, obviously it is of concern to all citizens. Much of it is aimed at the authoritative arm of the Government. I wonder if there is any difference in a foreigner's mind in dealing with the prosecutive or police arm of the Federal Government as opposed to dealing with the tax authority of the Federal Government.