

We must enforce the law, and we shall enforce the law to the best of our ability. This still may require some flexibility. And I think Chief Layton takes a very enlightened view of the approach any large city police department must take to large-scale demonstrations these days.

Mr. STEIGER. Do you consider it a potentially dangerous situation?

Mr. MURPHY. I am confident we will prevent disorder, Congressman, but we will be prepared for any eventuality.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Walker.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Murphy has made an excellent witness, and I know that the members would be happy to know that I don't have any questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the only question I have now is the \$64-question, and that is, are we prepared to take care of this rumored demonstration or riot coming up in April. Do you think you and the Chief, the Commissioner and the President, have made sufficient preparations to take care of the Government, and visitors to the Capitol, and people who make their homes here? There was only one reason for the creation of the City of Washington, and that was to take care of the seat of our Government, to protect the Congress, and prevent any violence to it and to the public and to the employees of the Government.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Chairman, we have been working very hard day and night on this problem, not only with the agencies under me but with the National Guard, Department of Justice, Military. We are prepared to handle it, and think that is what our responsibility is, to be prepared. And we are confident—we are stepping up our planning and training to be prepared for whatever may come. But we are working as hard as we know how at preventing any kind of disorder.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Chairman, would you yield to me a minute?

The CHAIRMAN. I was here after World War I when veterans camped out here on the Mall, and the President and the Commissioners called out the Calvary. General MacArthur and his troops rode into these camps and moved them out. I was just wondering if you would do the same thing here when certain people decide to camp on Government property, or if that is the wrong thing to do.

Mr. MURPHY. I think once again, Mr. Chairman, the view expressed by Chief Layton about flexibility makes much sense these days. We must enforce the law when it is violated. In enforcing the law, it is our hope that we can do it without violence. If it becomes necessary to make arrests, we shall make arrests. But we hope that we can do it without violence.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Murphy. I am astounded at your answer here to the Chairman that you have discussed it, that you feel like you are able to meet a situation in which you tell Mr. Steiger that you have not even bothered to look at the statutes to see what authority you have, or what offenses there might be. It would seem to me now—I do not know whether you are a lawyer or not, but as a prosecutor, I always looked to the statutes first before I started talking about what I was going to do later.