

Mr. ABERNETHY. I see.

I think it ought to be put on the record that this town is in one heck of a shape. People are not coming to this town. Restaurants are suffering for a lack of business. Hotels are suffering. This town is in trouble, and it is in trouble because of what took place here a few weeks ago and what may very probably take place again.

That concerns you, doesn't it?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir; very much.

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Mr. ABERNETHY. All right. Now, you in the District Government are now asking for more taxes. What are you going to give these people for the additional taxes that they pay in the way of protection of their property?

What are you going to give them?

Mr. MURPHY. We are going to give them improved police services, sir.

Mr. ABERNETHY. In what respect?

Mr. MURPHY. Well, this Police Department, like most police departments in the United States, is undersupported. It does not have adequate scientific and technological capabilities.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Does it take anything scientific to enable one to go out and arrest a man who is throwing a brick through a window and walking off with the merchandise? What science do you need, except somebody willing to pick him up and put him in jail?

Mr. MURPHY. What you would probably need, sir, is good communication and lack of response.

Mr. ABERNETHY. The only communication he needs is, "Buddy, you are under arrest." Isn't that all he needs?

Mr. MURPHY. When it occurs in the presence of the officer, sir.

Mr. ABERNETHY. When not in his presence?

Mr. MURPHY. Then, as far as I would know, sir, he would need communication and mobility to respond. The police officer would need these things.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Do you anticipate any trouble any time soon? Are you anticipating trouble?

Mr. MURPHY. I can't say that I anticipate it, but we are prepared and we have planned as thoroughly as we know how to be ready night and day—to be ready for any eventuality.

Mr. ABERNETHY. But you don't generally prepare unless you anticipate, do you?

Mr. MURPHY. I think wisdom dictates that we should prepare. This whole nation is troubled today.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Do you know of anyone who is going to be completely and absolutely protected, besides those at the Capitol and at the White House and Federal buildings?

Mr. MURPHY. Completely and absolutely protected, sir?

Mr. ABERNETHY. Yes?

Mr. MURPHY. Do you mean with 15,000 troops?

Mr. ABERNETHY. I don't know what with. I am just asking if the people of this community could be assured that their property and their lives and limbs will be satisfactorily protected as are the Capitol and the White House grounds.