

Mr. WHITENER. But now, Mr. Murphy, you testified here on February 21, and you said, "We have been working very hard day and night on this problem, not only aids under me, but the National Guard, the Department of Justice, and the Military. We are prepared to handle it. I think that is what our responsibility is, to be prepared. 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 in preventing any kind of disorder."

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, you said that to this Committee.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir, I said that.

Mr. WHITENER. So your planning has completely failed, hasn't it?

Mr. MURPHY. Well, as with the Military, sir, when overwhelmed, we may not be able to accomplish what we would like to. I am still delighted that we did all the planning we did to be prepared, even for this terribly violent outburst.

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Mr. WHITENER. Let me ask, Mr. McGiffert, since you represent the Military—were all the troops sent in here volunteers for this duty, or were some of them Selective Service men?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. They were units from various bases—

Mr. WHITENER. Brought in, regardless of whether they were Regular Army or Selective Service?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. That's right. They were brought in on the basis of whether they were in the unit or not which was earmarked for this purpose.

Mr. WHITENER. You sent young men in here who were involuntarily brought into the Military Service and told them they could not protect themselves from injury, but must limit the exercise of force to the protection of themselves from being killed?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. No. I think I said quite clearly, Mr. Whitener—

Mr. WHITENER. I thought your testimony earlier was that they were given orders not to load the guns without the consent first of a commissioned officer, or secondly, in the defense of their life.

Mr. MCGIFFERT. That's correct.

Mr. WHITENER. Life but not limb?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Well, I think limb is included in that.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, you didn't say that. Now, what would a young man have done, a Selective Service boy from my District, who had been ordered into here, if there was no commissioned officer within a block of him?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. They are in radio communication, Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. Every man had a radio?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Every man did not have a radio, but the way the Military Organization operates, there is communications down to the small unit level; and those communications work very well, as a matter of fact.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, was this same order applied uniformly in the entire city?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Yes.

Mr. WHITENER. On Capitol Hill?