

I would like to concur in that accolade, because as one who has actually lived through this kind of disturbance in Detroit and not from underneath a bed, but actually being right out there in the street in the middle of it, almost from its inception, and having also been in Newark the night that Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, as a principal speaker for a testimonial for one of the public officials of that community. The mayor was there.

Of course, the program was immediately curtailed, and I went with the mayor, a former Member of Congress, Mayor Addonizio, into the streets of Newark in an effort to keep reactions from getting overheated.

I was also in Atlanta that next day until after the funeral. There were reactions down there that produced some of the incidents that were experienced here in Washington. I was in the streets of Atlanta, so that I say I can speak from some measure of experience in these matters, which undergirds my appreciation for a very difficult situation that the police have encountered.

I think that people need to understand this. I think that we need also to put in the proper context the fact that this situation is not peculiar to the District of Columbia; that this protest technique is a phenomenon of the 1960's, the late 1960's; that the protest which produces this kind of destruction has been evidenced not only in the larger cities of this nation of ours, but in Warsaw, in Paris, and just two days ago in Panama, where most of the people in the audience, I am sure, witnessed on television cars being overturned and burned, and people being chased, and so on.

It does indicate that in crises, spontaneous situations of this nature, our Police departments are actually undermanned for this purpose.

So I am always curious about criticisms that are directed at our Police Department about their alleged inadequacies in moments of this type.

I am also mindful, having been in many Police State communities—in Latin-America, where you may see a policeman on every corner, where you will witness dips in the street at almost every intersection—that this is something that we could get into if we concur in some of the implications that have been made in and out of press with respect to the police situation.

If we want a Police State in this country, if we feel that Police are the answer and the only answer to the situation, then we are talking about a policeman on every corner and dips in the intersections.

We are not talking about the United States of America. I don't believe that anyone would want this kind of Police State to exist in our country.

So, therefore, I think we ought to put this thing in proper context. There were some references made to the kind of people who were engaging in this activity. I think the word "dangerous" people was used. There was an attempt to get some kind of response that would indicate that all of the people who were engaged in these kinds of activities were dangerous people—were criminals of some type; whereas, I do not condone any of this activity, the fact of the matter is that a profile of the average looter does not turn up a criminal kind of person.

I was in the middle of the greatest experience of this type in Detroit, and opportunity targets presented themselves and encouraged people to become looters. I saw mothers with small children going in places