

you are dealing with a different type situation, a spontaneous large number of people appearing on the street, with certain of them committing various type felonies, and a lot of others on the streets.

I am not advocating what you have now, or something else. I want to know your feeling as to how best, in a metropolitan city like this, you can escalate your manpower for emergency situations on a short-term basis.

Mr. MURPHY. Well, Mr. Congressman, one of the most important things is a prompt response. Police officers certainly every Friday and Saturday night deal with situations involving disorder in a bar or a fight on the street where we have to get officers in in a hurry. If we couldn't get 10 or 20 officers into a street quickly, something could escalate very suddenly out of control.

In a disorder of the magnitude of the one that existed on Thursday night, April 4th, it is terribly important to have a rapid mobilization plan of officers on duty, and then a rapid recall of off-duty officers. Again, the Department has had a good program.

Mr. ADAMS. I think you got your men on the streets as rapidly as could be done. In other words, if you had 2,000 men on the streets in less than three hours, you are cranking up at a pretty good rate.

Now, what I am asking you is this: You are apparently going to need a back-up force if this kind of thing should occur again. Do you think this should be created as a type of police reserve? Do you want to use a National Guard operation?

In other words, the problem with Federal troops is the time factor—and I think, incidentally, in this case they cranked up in a hurry—they were on the streets by the next afternoon, which is moving pretty fast to bring people in. Do you visualize a National Guard operation, or do you visualize a police reserve operation, or what, to provide you with that pool of manpower to put, say, another three or four thousand people on the streets in a four or five-hour period?

Mr. MURPHY. Well, Mr. Adams, we have a unique situation in the District, which is one of the things that has given us considerable concern, and we have discussed this matter to some extent.

In other cities, there is the opportunity to be supplemented by a State Police or a Highway Patrol. As a matter of fact, a very interesting presentation was recently made at a law-enforcement meeting in Chicago that would involve the increasing in size of State Police agencies for this very purpose—a rapid response.

Our situation in the District is unique. The possibility of mutual aid from an adjoining Police Department in Maryland or Virginia is something that has been considered, but a mutual aid arrangement may not be entirely dependable because surrounding communities become concerned themselves if there would be a disorder in a central city.

We must think through this problem and either increase the size of the D.C. Department itself or make a mutual aid arrangement that would give us a more rapid response. Then, I think, too, we must continue this close liaison with the National Guard and the Military that gives us much reassurance, Congressman.

We will working through that and we will hopefully develop something that we can submit to the Committee.

Mr. ADAMS. I won't take any more time because I want to observe the five-minute rule. I do want to say in closing that I think the police