

tourists will reach 29 million and that they will spend more than a billion dollars here.

"Supported by such stimulating business and economic indications, it is hardly possible to view this city's future except with optimism and confidence. The business community, of course, cannot overlook conditions and circumstances that are having a temporarily depressing influence on the city. It would be wrong, however, to allow these conditions, which are transitory and should have no permanent effect on the general health of the community, providing sound, corrective measures are taken, to obscure the generally positive long-range outlook for the city. So long as we maintain our faith in the future of this great city, it will grow and prosper and provide a quality of life for its citizens unmatched in any other city in the world."

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

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'DAY AND NIGHT' EFFORT—MURPHY BELIEVES D.C. WILL ESCAPE DISORDER

District Safety Director Patrick C. Murphy is confident the city will be able to prevent serious disorders this summer.

With Dr. Martin Luther King bringing his Poor People's Campaign to Washington next month, and with the possibility of disturbances this summer, the city is working "day and night" to improve community relations, he says, adding:

"Frankly, I am completely confident we are going to be able to prevent . . . any serious disorder in this city this summer."

Murphy, who was appointed nearly four months ago to head the city's police and fire departments as well as civil defense, makes his comments in a WMAL-TV interview to be telecast on Close Up at 1 p.m. today.

On other topics, the former New York City police official said he believes that use of the chemical spray as a police weapon has been greatly misunderstood. The spray renders its victim helpless in what Murphy believes is a more humane way than a nightstick or revolver.

When asked about Chief John B. Layton's decision not to include "boy" in a list of banned trigger words last year—an omission that angered segments of the Negro community—Murphy said the entire list is under review.

Murphy said he is not bothered by assertions that recent court decisions have made police work difficult.

The police side has not been "as well advocated as it might have been, he said. But for a long period some police were "tramping" on the rights of people, he added.

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NO SERIOUS DISORDER EXPECTED BY MURPHY

Patrick V. Murphy, Washington's Public Safety Director, is predicting an orderly spring and summer here.

"I am completely confident we will be able to prevent any disorder, or shall we say serious disorder in this city," Murphy says, in an interview to be telecast at 1 p.m. today on WMAL-TV, Channel 7.

The Police Department's chief policy-maker attributed his confidence to intensified training efforts now in progress to prepare the police force for preventive action in potentially tense situations.

With an accent on improving community relations, Murphy said the Police Department is "working day and night to reduce any tension or hostility that may exist in any part of our city."

Murphy also urged citizens to assess reports on the crime rise here with an understanding that terms such as "crime-infested" are more scary than accurate. "There are safe streets in this city, you can be sure," he said.

Observing that crime has become a "very emotional issue" with "more heat on it than there is light," the Director said statistics reflect improved reporting systems and an increase rate is troubling most large cities.

Murphy's optimistic report included his view that morale in the Department is generally high and patrols of the city are good.

Recruitment remains a Department problem, he said, with a need to attract more Negroes to the force.