

tions of disorder. All this is happening because federal, state and city governments are afraid of the so-called "liberal" vote and the possibility that Negro voters will be likely to misconstrue the mobilization of police power as somehow related to the controversies over racial discrimination.

The American people, however, have again and again in a national election held the party in power responsible for unfavorable conditions.

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POSITIONING TROOPS FOR MASSIVE RALLY STUDIED BY MURPHY

(By Ronald Sarro)

District Public Safety Director Patrick V. Murphy said yesterday that troops may be positioned in the city for the massive rally being planned for May 30 by leaders of the Poor People's Campaign.

Saying officials would closely watch the projected size of the crowd, which campaign leaders have predicted would be as high as a million, Murphy said close contact was being maintained with military authorities on use of troops.

"It might even be possible to have troops in the city and in position," Murphy said in a television interview on WRC's "Dimension Washington." Police Chief John B. Layton also appeared on the program.

Earlier in the program, Murphy said "Obviously, many disorders could be prevented if we had troops in advance." He reiterated that during last month's disturbances in the District it took many hours for the military to deliver soldiers that had been requested because of the normal problems involved in movement of troops.

INTIMIDATION CHARGED

In a separate television interview, two area congressmen charged the Poor People's Campaign with trying to "intimidate" and "blackmail" Congress.

The charges were leveled by Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, R-Va., and Rep. Hervey Machen, D-Md., on WTOP's "Report from Capitol Hill."

Broyhill said the campaign "cannot result in their objective. Congress will not be intimidated."

"I don't see anyone actually benefiting from this type of demonstration," he said, adding that "under no conditions whatsoever can Congress ever respond to these kinds of threats."

MACHEN HITS "BLACKMAIL"

Machen predicted that an overwhelming majority of Congress would not support a guaranteed minimum wage sought by march leaders.

"I just can't see anything but triggering more violence," Machen said.

He said that "blackmail" is a precedent that "we just can't tolerate."

Rep. Gilbert Gude, R-Md., who also participated in the program, took a different view, saying that many of the goals of the campaign have already been urged by the Kerner Commission and other responsible groups during the last five years.

"Congress ought to get down and roll up its sleeves and get to work on these problems," Gude said.

CONCERN EXPRESSED

But Gude also expressed "concern about the security of the metropolitan area." And he said "I simply do not understand" why "the leaders" of last month's disturbance here have not been arrested and prosecuted under anti-riot legislation adopted by Congress earlier this year.

SWIFT ACTION STRESSED—D.C. POLICE SET UP SECRET ANTI-RIOT COMMAND POST

(By Miriam Ottenberg, the Washington Star)

While District officials try to knock down criticism of police handling of last month's rioters, top police are quietly establishing machinery to deal swiftly with any new civil disorders.

A field command post has been set up at a secret location where men can be quickly assembled, equipped and dispatched to trouble areas.

A communications network will spread out from the field command post. A new radio station already has been licensed and direct lines have been strung from the post to all key agencies.