

for then, and do not favor now, the calculated, cruel and heartless attacks on the police and on Chief Layton which have their origin in the policy formulated and announced by the Communist party in its position paper of October 22, 1967. I would like to include as part of my remarks a column by Drew Pearson published in the Washington Post, July 31, 1968, entitled "FBI Prepares Report on Black Militants" because of the light it sheds on the black militant movement in the United States today.

We thank you for your consideration you have shown us this morning and we want you to know that we deeply appreciate the sympathetic understanding and support which the members of this committee and of the Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike have always given the Metropolitan Police Department of this great city.

I would like to include, as part of my remarks, with your approval, Mr. Chairman, an article from today's Washington Post (August 1), reporting that President Johnson regards Police Chief John B. Layton, "very highly" and sees "no justification for the removal of Chief Layton."

I would also like to include the tough statement by former Vice President Nixon to the Republican Platform Committee in Miami on crime. Mr. Nixon said "it is too late for more commissions to study violence; it is time for government to stop it. We cannot accept a wave of crime as the wave of the future."

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Dowdy. The articles you mentioned will be made a part of the record.

(The articles referred to follow:)

[From the Washington Post, July 31, 1968]

FBI PREPARES REPORT ON BLACK MILITANTS

(The Washington Merry-Go-Round, by Drew Pearson)

The FBI has prepared a report on the underground black nationalist movement in the United States that may explain the sudden outbreak of violence in Cleveland. Under a Negro mayor, Carl Stokes, the city has been making great progress toward racial understanding. A handful of black nationalists began shooting police there last week who were merely towing away a parked car.

The report may also explain some of the moves by black militants in Washington.

Finally, it gives a key to the tremendous upsurge in the popularity of George Wallace, who represents a latent American fascism whose answer to Negro violence is white violence.

What the FBI has found in Washington is that black militants have worked out a plan to take over the Nation's Capital. The militants argue that Negroes are now in the majority and that given home rule they can take over the city.

At present, Washington is governed by a Negro mayor, Walter Washington, an able executive, who is supported by a city council, with five Negro and four white members. Mayor Washington is considered much too moderate by the black militants. They have worked out the following strategy, neighborhood by neighborhood.

First, they will try to persuade the moderates to become militant, and if they fail, then bury them with frustration and harassment. When the moderates hold meetings, the strategy is to break up the meetings or to be so unreasonable that the moderates will have to dissociate themselves from the meetings.

This was the explanation of the recent meeting to discuss neighborhood control of police, in an African Methodist Episcopal church where the black militants demanded that all whites leave. The whites present had been strong supporters of Negro progress. When they left, some moderate Negroes walked out with them.