

Mr. STEIGER. Have you had experience in other jurisdictions with reserve units that are more active or more sophisticated than the unit here?

Mr. MURPHY. I have had experience with reserve type units in two other police departments, Mr. Steiger, but, frankly, this unit here is more active than in the other two jurisdictions and I think we have a good base to build on here. It is just that I think it is an unfair hardship to expect the men to purchase their own uniforms and to have no protection, and I am encouraged that with these two additional attractions we will get more men and they will give us more of their time.

Mr. STEIGER. It has been expressed to me in private, since I was author of the bill, that we would be arming a vigilante group. My reaction to this is that if indeed we have a vigilante type organization it would seem to me that the best place to have it would be in the control of the Police Department.

Have you any reaction to this charge?

Mr. MURPHY. I think it is both Chief Layton's view and mine that any arming of the officers would be on a selective basis and only under those circumstances that we feel would warrant it.

As you point out reserve officers would be under the supervision, direction and control of the police officers through their precinct commands and I think we can effectively control the situation.

Chief LAYTON. I might add to that that we envision with this kind of specific statutory authority, also, setting up specific rules and regulations for strict control or dismissing any officer from the reserve force who might not measure up so that the control is built into it.

Mr. STEIGER. I have met only two of these active reservists. They purchase their own uniforms and give their time voluntarily without any protection so far as injury is concerned. There appears to be a high degree of interest in those now serving. It seems we are remiss in not mining this potential reservoir of dedication. If Mr. Murphy and Chief Layton think that this bill will provide the incentive to stabilize and increase the reserve I think we would be equally remiss in not passing this bill.

I thank the Chairman.

Mr. DOWDY. I want to first say that I was critical of the failures of April. Now I want to compliment the June 24 action which demonstrates that firmness and willingness to act and willingness to make arrests and willingness to shoot, if necessary, will quickly bring mobs and looters under control.

I want to compliment you, Mr. Murphy, and the rest of you for the action taken on June 24 for having placed no restrictions on the police in enforcing the law on that occasion.

I think that should be a demonstration of proper police action not only here but in cities all over the United States.

We know what happened in Detroit and Philadelphia, in prior years, ordering police not to make arrests and do nothing to looters. You have demonstrated the effect of strict enforcement of the law.

I should add my comment about Fauntroy. I was not surprised at his action or any of the other actions he has taken.

We in the South, of course, can understand the action of one screwball is not the action and feeling of all the people. Other people in other parts of the country do not understand that. When we have some