

lunatic down South making some outrageous statement it is attributed to all the Southern people but we realize you have screwballs everywhere. We have them and New York has them.

As to the statement Mr. Steiger made that someone had told him his reserve bill would create an armed vigilante group, I think that someone who would so construe the bill is one of those screwballs we have reference to. I know that that would not be the case with the reserves you have here. I think that all people who have any knowledge of it, in a country which has the most general arming of the population, the country of Switzerland, you would not find a family in Switzerland which does not have arms in their homes and they have less law violation perhaps than any other nation in the world. So it is another one of the lunatic statements that you would be arming vigilantes, by creating a police reserve.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Steiger was quoting and not making the statement.

Mr. DOWDY. I said the statement was made to him.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DOWDY. Did I not make it clear?

Mr. STEIGER. I understood, Mr. Dowdy.

Mr. DOWDY. If I did not make it clear I will correct that. I was referring to a statement made to Mr. Steiger.

There is only one other thought which I have in connection with the reserve. A few days ago, and let me preface this—I have had people here and in other places who said they had been given a permit to carry a gun to protect their business. I always said "Don't you dare carry a gun whether you have a permit or not unless you are willing to use it, if the occasion arises."

If there is limitation placed upon these reserves in the use of a gun they should not have one with them because if they cannot use it they are likely to get themselves killed with their own guns just like the officer who got killed with his own gun the other day. I don't know whether there were restrictions on the police to use their guns, but certainly as to a man who has a gun, in the course of his duties or otherwise, it is dangerous for him to have it with him if he will not or cannot use it because otherwise somebody would take it away from him and shoot him.

When regulations are written up about this that should be borne in mind.

Mr. MURPHY. I agree it would be dangerous to have a man carry a gun and then say he may not use it under the circumstances where he is authorized to use it, to protect himself from another citizen or to make an arrest under appropriate circumstances.

I agree with you. I think all we were intending to imply, Mr. Dowdy, was that when a reserve officer was appointed that he would not automatically be armed immediately. He would go through training and he would be authorized to carry arms on a selective basis.

I think Chief Layton has thought the problem through and perhaps he would like to speak to this.

Mr. DOWDY. They should be instructed completely and trained in the use of the gun.

Chief LAYTON. Yes, sir. That expresses my feeling, Mr. Dowdy, also, that the reserve officers are working a regular job separate and apart from the police work which they do. Some of them put in more