

Kleindienst at ABA

The War on Mob Violence Won

By Carl Irving

The Nixon administration has "effectively curbed mob violence," Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said today, and joined this with a warning about next week's GOP convention.

"We are bringing into new focus the right of the people to a peaceful forum in which to make decisions," he told the annual assembly of the American Bar Association in remarks prepared for delivery today at the Hilton Hotel here.

He was more specific at a news conference yesterday. In response to a question, he said the mass arrests which occurred during demonstrations in Washington, D. C., in May, 1971, would be "duplicated" in Miami Beach if a parallel situation arose.

'Coordination'

Kleindienst said he was working with the Department of Defense to coordinate planning with Miami Beach police and Florida's National Guard, in the event federal aid was needed.

"Lack of this kind of planning helped bring about the kind of situation which pre-

valled in the late 1960s," the 48-year-old former campaign manager for Barry Goldwater declared.

Kleindienst had been defending the arrests of more than 10,000 demonstrators in Washington, most of whom were subsequently released. They had been "bent on disruption . . . determined to stop the functioning of government," justifying police action, he said.

The Attorney General, who says he expects 6000 to 7000 demonstrators in Miami, added, "We would duplicate what we did in Washington in Miami." Federal jurisdiction over the area

surrounding the GOP convention would occur, he said, if the Florida governor said local police and the National Guard were no longer able to maintain order, and the President declared a state of emergency.

'Come Alive'

"I do not anticipate this happening, even remotely," he added.

Today, Kleindienst noted

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that "the process of defining freedom of speech, of the press, and of assembly has

come alive again. Today inflammatory public statements that would have been prohibited under the legal processes of a generation ago are freely tolerated, he said.

"Massive peaceful demonstrations are not only permitted but are accommodated by extraordinary leeway in the use of public property, even to the inconvenience of others," he added.

The line must be drawn, he said, "when the words stop and violence begins." This "firmness in the public defense," said Kleindienst, "has effectively curbed the mob violence that was threatening the very stability of our country three and a half years ago."

Kleindienst, who succeeded John Mitchell as attorney

general in June, spoke with pride about federal enforcement against organized crime, drug traffic, pollution and monopoly.

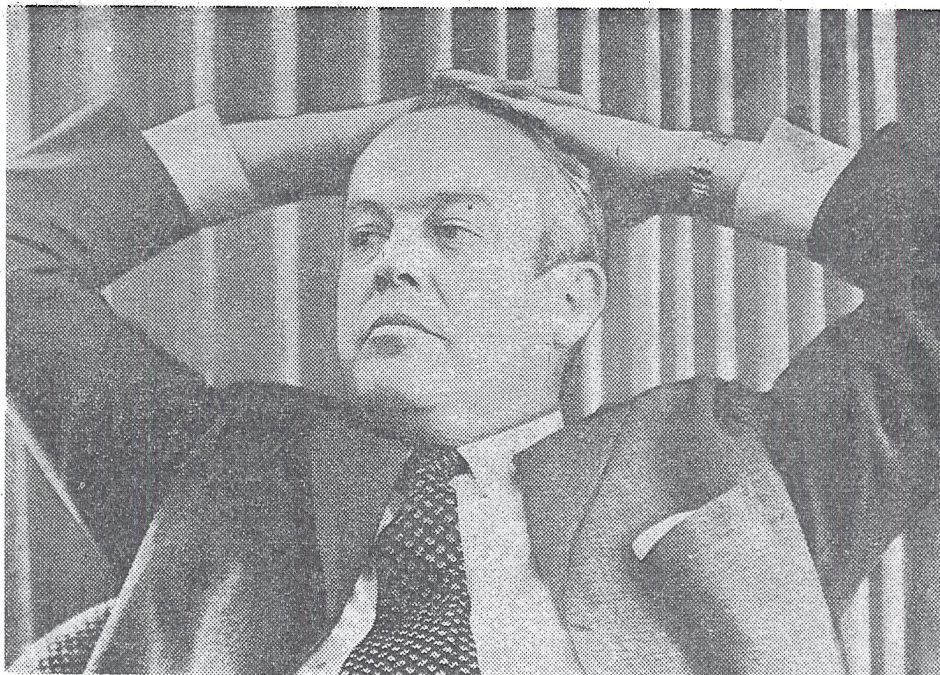
'Progress'

Indictments of organized crime tripled and seizures of heroin by federal agents multiplied by five times in the last three years, he said. There have been widespread injunctions against polluters and conglomerate mergers have been curbed, he said.

On arrival here yesterday for the annual ABA convention, Kleindienst met with The Examiner editorial board before going to the press conference at the Hilton.

Kleindienst told reporters that a comprehensive FBI investigation of the break-in at Democratic National Party headquarters is under way. It is on a scale "equal to that which followed the

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CLAIMS WAR AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE HAS BEEN WON

Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst in San Francisco yesterday.

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* assassination of President Kennedy," the attorney general said. No one will be able to charge "whitewash" when the Justice Department is finished with the case, he added.

The attorney general defended his proposal to Congress for "preventive deten-

tion" without bail before trial of persons arrested who judges fear would be dangerous to the community. He has since realized, he said, that many federal judges are "hypocritically" keeping such people locked up under the bail reform act, for "months."

Kleindienst's proposal would require trial within 60 days of arrest. He said his proposal would not be "repressive" because it would only involve those with a "high probability of guilt who might be a danger to the community."