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Nixon Men Accused By Bayh of Failing To Cut Back Crime

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (UPI) — Senator Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, opened a new round of hearings today on gun control legislation and charged that the Nixon Administration, despite "fancy talk about law and order, had failed to act to reduce street crime.

Mr. Bayh is chairman of the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee, which is holding hearings on bills to outlaw handguns.

He said in a statement that Attorney General John N. Mitchell had refused to testify. He also said that Treasury Secretary John B. Connally had failed to supply up-to-date information on manufacture of pistols and revolvers which Mr. Bayh said were responsible for more than half the murders in the nation.

"Attorney General Mitchell's failure to recognize the need

for new action, his refusal to testify or send a representative, the Treasury Department's failure to provide data—all these suggest that this Administration isn't really prepared to take action to reduce violent street crime in America, Mr. Bayh said.

"You don't stop gun murders with fancy talk about law and order. You don't stop armed assaults and armed robberies with tough talk and hollow promises. And, let there be no mistake—we are talking about tens of thousands of gun murders, hundreds of thousands of armed assaults and robberies."

Senator Roman L. Hruska, Republican of Nebraska, took vigorous issue with Mr. Bayh's charges, "There has never been a refusal to testify," he said. "There has been a conflict of engagements."