

## Two Tough Talks



GOVERNOR REAGAN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL  
They spoke at a peace officers' convention here

Fuller story on remarks by Mitchell filed Nixon Administration.

### Mitchell Denounces Protesters

By Jerry Carroll

United States Attorney General John N. Mitchell said yesterday there is little to distinguish today's violent protesters from Hitler's brown-shirted fascists of the 1920s.

He made the parallel in a Towne House speech before some 275 delegates to the 51st annual conference of the 7000-member California Peace Officers' Association.

Mitchell said that had there been a crackdown on Hitler and his lawless supporters before they seized control of government, "the world might have been spared a whole era of violence and misery."

#### TARGET

Like Mayor Joseph Alioto and Governor Ronald Reagan, who also addressed the convention, Mitchell dwelt at length on the threat to democracy posed by violent protest.

"I refer to the trend of extremist groups, in the name of free assembly and free speech, to deny the freedom of others," he said.

"In many cases these civil rights robbers have gotten away with it and have been encouraged to venture still greater invasion of rights," Mitchell said.

"Their leaders have misled them into believing their cause is so right that they, the mob, cannot commit any wrong," he added.

"Last week in Washington, D.C., we saw the high tide of

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this monstrous idea. I say 'high tide' because the mob didn't get away with it.

"And they were stopped in a way that gave them no opportunity to obscure the issue by claiming police brutality," Mitchell commented.

He was referring to the May Day protest, in which demonstrators sought to bring government to a halt by blocking traffic into the capital. There were 12,000 arrests.

**HOPE**

"I hope we will never see a time when the U.S. government or any other governmental authority will bow to such a wretched tactic. If governmental authorities ever do, they will be cooperating in their own destruction," Mitchell remarked.

Mitchell said he was proud Washington city police dealt with the protest "with firmness but restraint, exercising no more authority than necessary."

He was introduced by Los Angeles Sheriff Peter Pitches, who drew applause when he said, "We admire and respect you for standing up and speaking out in defense of J. Edgar Hoover."

**REAGAN**

Governor Reagan praised Hoover for having devoted his career to "resisting the efforts of others to turn the FBI into a national police force.

"Subversive and criminal elements" would like to see the FBI "downgraded and discredited," he added. (On the subject of Hoover, Mayor Alioto had earlier remarked: "Regardless of the merits of the current controversy, I will say J. Edgar Hoover built one of the greatest police forces in history."

The Governor continued: "A new kind of crime threatens California and the United States, plotted and carried out by a new breed of criminal, the self-proclaimed revolutionary who directs senseless acts of violence against innocent bystanders."

**'BOMBS'**

Reagan said there were 443 bomb threats in California during the last ten months of 1970 and 1052 "actual bomb incidents" in which a device was found or was exploded.

"What makes these new criminals doubly dangerous is their fanaticism which makes them perform with an almost religious zeal, as if they are ordained by a higher power to right all the ills of mankind," Reagan said.

"Those who set fires and plant bombs—who demonstrated violently in the name of nonviolence—are not protecting the rights of others or preserving the legal system that makes possible peaceful protest. They are the outlaws," he added.

**ALIOTO**

Mayor Alioto told the lawmen they should be "very liberal" in policing the expression dissent. "Dissent is kind of the raw material of progress."

He said San Francisco has a standing policy of offering all possible help to the planners of peaceful demonstration.

"The first time dissent degenerates into violence, though, we tell them we are going to use all police powers to put it down," Alioto remarked.

He told his audience there "is plenty of room for rough, orthodox law enforcement" within the bounds of the Constitution and U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

The peace officer's assembly continues through tomorrow.