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President Signs Bill to Fight Crime in the Capital

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., July 29 (AP)-President Nixon, re-29 (AP)—President Nixon, repeating his assertion that Congress has been slow to act on anticrime legislation, signed today the controversial District of Columbia crime control bill.

"I hope this is only the beginning," he said.

With only newsmen looking on, Mr. Nixon signed the document in his Western White House office.

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He charged that Congress had shown its "poorest batting average" in handling crime legislation.

Other Bills Racked

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When he meets Monday in Denver with state law enforcement officials, he said, he will attempt to mobilize support for the dozen bills still pending.

Mr. Nixon called attention to the bulkiness of the District of Columbia law and said it was

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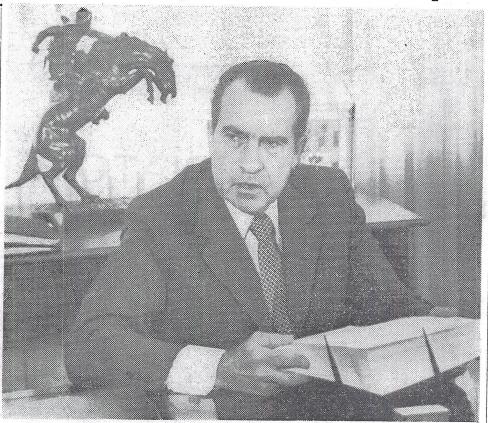
He added that it dealt with in unprecedented measure problem."

Mr. Nixon said that when he

took office the nation's capital was "fast becoming the crime capital of the world."

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President Nixon holds anticrime bill he signed at his office in San Clemente, Calif.

tory minimum sentences for the police to enter homes with- Nixon who, during the 1968

second offenders convicted of out knocking while executing Presidential campaign, called

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Provisions of Law

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