

2 Aides Join Nixon In Defending Police On Mayday Protest

WASHINGTON, June 3(AP)—The Nixon Administration continued today its counterattack on critics who say that the Government responded unconstitutionally against the antiwar Mayday demonstrations in Washington.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell and his top aide, Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, took over in separate speeches where President Nixon left off when he branded participants in the May 3-6 demonstrations as "vandals and hoodlums and awbreakers."

Mr. Kleindienst said the critics included "sidewalk superintendents" who, "in their eagerness to fault the police," created a fable of what actually took place May 3.

"The truth is that the police foiled an attempt to stop the Government with a minimum exercise of authority. Any less authority would have risked letting the mob rule the national capital."

His remarks came in a speech before the Rotary Club in Cleveland.

Mr. Mitchell's comments were in a speech read for him to a gathering of Washington Explorer Scouts. In his text, Mr. Mitchell contrasted the scouts with Mayday participants "who, on May 3, tried to make good their boast of stopping the Federal Government."

He said one Senator, not identified, "actually condoned," attempted disruptions by demonstrators, saying "blocking traffic and entrances to Federal buildings was all they had left."

"All they had left—if you don't believe in a government of law," Mr. Mitchell said. "All they had left—if you believe the rule of the voter should be overthrown, and the rule of the bully should take its place."