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We hear much about increasing crime today

Certainly, it is a problem of tremendous proportions

But there is a grave misconception

Many think increase is result of campus disorders and mass civil disobedience

We have had some disorder on our campuses, but its relation to total crime picture has been blown out of proportion

We have also blown it out of proportion in our thinking about the activities and character of college students in general

Because those who cause disorder are few, it is easy to focus on them

What else is happening on our campuses

Some very good things, I think:

1. Blind School
2. Money raised at ECU
3. Tutorial programs at Campbell and other colleges
4. Community center operated by Wake students in Winston-Salem

5. Constructive political activity - note what was done during our campaign

Students are aware, are concerned and it is good we are giving them a voice in our government

Note move by Democratic Party in bringing 18 - 21 year olds into full participation

Should do this with the vote also. Endorse Act of Congress giving 18 year olds right to vote, thus bringing several million more Americans into active political participation. Hope Nixon will sign bill and not exercise the veto

If crime increase is not result of campus violence, civil disorders, what is its source

Increase is in traditional areas of criminal activity

For example:

Crimes of violence in United States are rising 10 times faster than the population

In 9 year period from 1960-1969

a. murders in U. S. increased from 9,000 to 14,900 - a 66% increase

b. forcible rapes increased from 16,860 to 36,300 - a 115% increase

c. robberies increased from 107,390 in 1960 to 301,000 in 1969 - up 180%

d. aggravated assaults increased from 152,000 in the nine-year period to 307,800 - up 103%

During this period all crimes of violence increased from 215,200 to 660,000 for a total percentage increase of 131%

Mind you this occurred during a period when the population of our nation increased by only 13%

There is another new element on the crime scene which is causing concern - use of drugs

The SBI Reports for May, 1970 reflect that the Bureau was involved in 94 drug cases as compared with 32 drug cases in May, 1969 - an increase of 197%

Former Chief Inspector of New York City Police Department  
says:

"The most important new element in crime is increase in  
use of narcotics. Extent of that increase is illustrated  
by the fact that there are 10 times as many deaths from  
overdoses of heroin in New York City now as there were  
ten years ago."

Same can be said of North Carolina, though do not know  
exact statistics

When addressed Drug Conference, had several autopsies on  
my desk

Since then:

1. death of Andy Julian, early 20's - family said had  
been heroin addict for three years
2. death of soldiers who were shooting heroin in  
Fayetteville laundromat, and others

Note increase in drug examinations in SBI lab

We are taking steps to deal with crime increase

1. revamped SBI
  - a. expanded lab facilities

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- b. regional offices
- c. more agents
- d. new quarters and expect to ask General Assembly  
for new SBI Center

2. PIN

3. Working on establishing Law Enforcement Training  
Center

4. Law and Order Committee appropriating large amounts  
of money to upgrade equipment and training of local  
law enforcement agencies

But consider as extremely important in doing something  
about deterring crime  
in speeding up the trial process

This concern shared by Chief Justice Burger who has said:

"Many people...will be deterred from serious crimes if  
they believe that justice is swift and sure. Today no  
one thinks that."

A recent report to Congress by an advisory panel on  
armed violence stated:

"The way the criminal justice system operates at present  
is an abomination of justice and undoubtedly a significant  
contributor to armed crimes. The juvenile court proceeds

so slowly in adjudicating its cases that juveniles often  
feel it is 'safe' to commit a crime."

Comment on English system