

(Mayor Daley's Riot Order)

Q. Governor, do you feel there is any merit in Mayor Daley's order to the Chicago police to shoot arsonists and looters?

A. I think it's an oversimplified reaction and an oversimplified approach. No one can make a judgment on what to do in a situation like that unless he is a professional who is on the scene in full cognizance of the surrounding situations. Now I would say, to use a couple of extreme examples: to shoot a 12-year-old child who is seen with a box of matches stopping near a building would be the height of complete callousness; I'd say on the other hand if a man had hurled a Molotov cocktail into a pile of gasoline-soaked rags in a building that was going up in flames, where there are people who are sleeping in that building, I wouldn't hesitate for a minute if I were a law enforcement officer to shoot him if he didn't stop on my command to stop. You can't just generalize this. The surrounding circumstances are the things that must govern.

Q. The main controversy concerns looters rather than arsonists.

A. Well, I think it would have to be a pretty extreme situation, and I doubt if I could visualize a situation right offhand that would justify shooting down someone who is taking a commodity out of a store. I think it's like killing an ant with an axe.

(Baltimore during the Summer)

Q. Governor, would you be willing to hazard a guess as to how Baltimore will rest through the rest of the summer after having gone through (interruption)

A. I have no idea. I have no idea of what will happen the rest of the summer. I can only hope that through the concentrated efforts of all those who are interested in avoiding other outbursts of violence we will be able to contain it. I am ready, willing, and able to work with anyone in this regard.

(Favorite Son)

Q. Governor, have you decided to be a favorite son candidate at the Republican Convention?

A. I haven't and other than what I read in the paper and heard from one or two leaders — I don't have any thoughts on it at the moment. No one is urging me — no great number of Republicans are urging me to do this.