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PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1 —
Chief Justice Earl Warren today chided persons who viewed rising crime with "self-righteous indignation" and "oversimplification."

"It is not so simple, and all of us must assume a share of the responsibility," the Chief Justice said.

Yesterday Gov. Ronald Reagan of California was applauded when he presented the Republican platform committee in Miami Beach with a ringing statement against rising crime. Before the same committee, Richard M. Nixon attributed some of the crime rise to the courts.

In his comments today, Justice Warren did not mention any specific critics of the Court, but he warned a meeting of state supreme court justices that the Supreme Court was facing increasing criticism over its liberal rulings on the rights of criminal defendants.

In an apparent reference to recent attacks on the Supreme Court in Congress, Justice Warren declared that no branch of the Government "can strengthen the democratic process by

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at a time when anticourt sentiment seems to be rising.

Justice Warren quipped during his speech that “circumstances over which I have no control” (the delay in Senate confirmation of Justice Fortas as Chief Justice) could bring him back to the high bench in October.

But he declined to elaborate to reporters, saying that he did not want to give the impression that he had “blacklisted the Senate” into choosing between Justice Fortas or him.

Justice Warren has announced his intention to resign but has said he will serve until a successor is nominated and confirmed.

Other annual meetings being held here now are the National Conference of Court Administrative Officers, the National Association of Bar Executives, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law and the Traffic Court Program Seminar.

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United States Supreme Court

It is customary for one or sometimes even two Supreme Court justices to attend conventions of the American Bar Association.

This year's convention will open at the Philadelphia Civic Center on Monday, and four Justices will attend.

A Bit of Fence-Mending

The presence of the four—Justices Warren, Fortas, William J. Brennan Jr. and Byron R. White—indicates that the Supreme Court is mending its fences with the legal profession.