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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climbing over the weakened body of another."

Justice Warren attributed the crime rise to slum conditions, which, he said, "for decades we have swept under the rug." But he added that judges must shoulder some blame for the situation because of trial delays that leave accused criminals at large or in jail for as long as two years between arrest and trial.

Calls Courts Susceptible

Justice Warren did not mention specifically the anticourt statements made during last month's Senate Judiciary hearings on the nomination of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice.

But he warned that "if one out of three coordinate branches of government is discredited, the entire structure of government is weakened."

He said the judiciary "is the most susceptible to attack, because it cannot enter the political arena and trade blow for blow with those who would discredit its work."

Justice Warren spoke to the Conference of Chief Justices at its annual meeting in the Warwick Hotel here.

It was the first time he had addressed the state chief justices group, which has frequently been critical of the United States Supreme Court.

It is customary for one of 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.