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## Political violence to meet dead end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Edgar Hoover said that political violence will meet a dead end. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the rule of law and that it will not tolerate any form of violence. He said that the government is committed to protecting the rights of all citizens and that it will not tolerate any form of discrimination. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the peace and that it will not tolerate any form of chaos. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the stability of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of instability. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the unity of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of division. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the prosperity of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of poverty. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the health of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of disease. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the beauty of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of ugliness. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the happiness of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of sadness. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the peace of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of war. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the stability of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of chaos. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the unity of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of division. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the prosperity of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of poverty. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the health of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of disease. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the beauty of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of ugliness. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the happiness of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of sadness. He said that the government is committed to maintaining the peace of the country and that it will not tolerate any form of war.

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