

however, quickly filled hotels, motels, lodges, trailer park areas, and even camping areas in our national parks and all the areas nearby. We had difficulties in 1967. We anticipated more difficulties in 1968. Another reason that I come to you today is because I have been stepped on again, not by our banks or our avaricious big businesses, but by the innuendo of a misinformed President. A man who has made a wonderful record as a legislator and vote-getter, has asked citizens of these United States to travel in the Western Hemisphere.

I am here to inform you, right now, we do not have enough facilities for the people who want to travel now; not enough hotels, motels, lodges. In the past 20 years, with all our massive advertising campaigns, hardly 10 percent of this Nation's citizens ever have been in an airplane and barely five-tenths of 1 percent have ever been out of our country's borders as tourists.

[Portion of statement withdrawn by witness. See colloquy below.]

Mr. WOODS. I thank you very much.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Vanik.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman, as a member of this committee, I am quite concerned with the statement made just before this gentleman closed.

I think that in fairness to the committee, in fairness to the integrity of the Congress, of the House of Representatives, I ask him now to put into the record precisely what he means in the statement referring to a political shakedown. I think a statement like that made before a public committee should be thoroughly investigated and analyzed. I think the gentleman owes it to the members of this committee to put into the record the basis for what he says in this statement.

Mr. WOODS. I am not prepared to do that yet, sir, and I don't mean it—

Mr. VANIK. You say you are not prepared to back up your statement?

Mr. WOODS. You only gave me 5 minutes.

Mr. VANIK. You have to be prepared to back up everything you say in your statement. You have made a charge, a very serious charge, before a committee of the U.S. Congress and you are under obligation to support your statement. We have got to get to the bottom of these things.

I would be as offended and shocked if the gentleman's statement were true. Mr. Chairman, I expect him to lay before the committee supporting evidence to support a statement which he makes in his prepared statement, prepared properly and carefully and under due deliberation.

I would like him to support what he says before this committee. If he cannot support it, I want him to withdraw it from the record.

Mr. WOODS. My instructions were to—

Mr. VANIK. This is not a place to engage in political barb shooting. This is not a place to spread unfounded political rumors. The gentleman has made a charge. The gentleman should support his charge or withdraw it from the record.

Now, which are you going to do?

Mr. WOODS. I will withdraw it from the record. I will withdraw it from the record if that is the case, sir.