

Now we have threats from various minority groups headed by Martin Luther King and others that "if the Congress doesn't act on this measure we are going to show you what we can do"; in so many words, that is the threat.

It seems to me that this Congress has capitulated to these threats.

Now with this going on and no effort to stop them, no effort, really, to control them, but instead rolling out the red carpet, what if the Indians went on the warpath again? What would this country do? They would have a right to do it if these treaties were violated.

Would this Nation roll out the red carpet to the Indians, and say, "Go ahead and use your tomahawks, go ahead and use your bow and arrows, your guns; it is all right to murder, rape, pillage, burn, and loot"?

No, this country wouldn't do that to the Indians, the original inhabitants of this country.

As you say, civil rights is not a right to take away a right from one person and give it to another. It is equal opportunity for all. I don't know where we are going in this country because of the haste, the way this bill is being brought to the floor of the House.

I say that we must depend on our committees to bring forth legislation. In this measure neither the Indian provisions nor the gun provision has been considered by the new membership elected last Congress. And I said here to the chairman of the Judiciary Committee "why the haste?" and he said "all we are asking for is 1 hour on the floor of the House, on such important legislation as this."

What are we coming to? Where are we headed? I don't know. But maybe another good Indian uprising would be what we need in this country. If we let the other minority groups go out and murder and burn and loot, I don't know what is going to happen, unless we can pass measures that will give equal civil rights to all groups.

And I remember my first session of the Congress here, when the first civil rights measure was passed after I was elected. In that deliberation I rather felt that the Indians were being ignored. And certainly I don't think any group should be ignored and no legislation should be passed to pinpoint any particular group in this country. We are all Americans. We are all citizens. We all should love this country and we shouldn't do anything to encourage what is going to take place throughout this land and such as took place in my State last week.

And I want to commend you, Mr. Aspinall, for the courage that you have shown in placing this in the right perspective. This legislation concerning the Indians should be considered by the appropriate committee, and I am hoping that this committee will take action to see that the Members of the House of Representatives who have never even considered any of this language in the bill will have a free and open opportunity to send the bill either to conference committee or back to the Judiciary Committee. That is the way the legislative process is and that is the way it should be.

I wanted to make that statement, Mr. Aspinall, and, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Young, any questions?

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Chairman, the distinguished chairman, Mr. Aspinall, did not address himself to the housing provisions, but a great