

are proceedings which, it seems to me, present one simple issue and thus are almost wholly devoid of any complexity.

In view of the serious threat to our national security and the obstruction to the orderly operation of our free institutions presented by Communists and Communist organizations at home and abroad, the Congress and the people of the United States are justifiably concerned when any delinquencies appear in the enforcement of laws designed to control Communist operations.

Increasing incidents of public disorder of a most serious character to which Communist organizations have materially contributed, as the evidence shows, together with an apparent indisposition on the part of certain officials of Government to deal with them vigorously and effectively, has resulted in widespread public anxiety.

Surely this public concern, reflected by the Congress, should be recognized by the Attorney General.

We can sit here till doomsday, struggling to improve our laws and to legislate, but laws will be but as a tinkling cymbal and a reproach if they are not enforced.

You in the executive branch have the duty to enforce the law.

I hope that the people will make themselves heard on this subject. The people of America are greatly concerned at this time as never before.

The fact is that these undoubtedly vicious groups are touring the country disrupting Government offices and throwing a monkey wrench into the machinery of Government. Unless it is stopped by the present Government of the United States, we will have nothing more than the hollow shell of an organization.

I am not accusing the Attorney General as the only one being guilty. The Congress and the executive departments are equally guilty. But I say it is a serious situation. The people of this country look to Congress, they look to us to protect them, and their little helpless children that are playing innocently around the firesides of this Nation are looking to us to protect them.

I think something has to be done and I think it is up to the Attorney General and the Justice Department to show the people we intend to drive these Communists out and put them out of business.

I may say also the concern of the chairman of this committee, who is not here today, is of such importance that I have reason to believe that he will call on the Attorney General rather promptly to let this committee know, as we have a right to know as an arm of the Congress of the United States and one that presented this bill to the Congress, what you expect to do.

I hope that you won't consider anything I have said personally. You made a fine witness.

I am a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Congress. I have had occasion to meet the Attorney General before and since he entered into that office and I have known his very distinguished father for many years.

It is nothing personal. I am a member of the Virginia Democratic Party, and I love my country and I believe the overwhelming majority of the people of this country believe it and I believe they are determined to let the folks know now that we are not going to stand for any of this softness any longer.