

Subcommittee Chairman Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) said that he has talked to a score of merchants since the riots. Loss of business is a combination of all three of those elements, Byrd said.

"If something is done about crime to preserve law and order, the tourists will come back," Byrd declared.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) commented that of all cities, Washington is the safest from a "cataclysmic" riot.

"The President would bring in troops—order would be restored quickly, it has to be," Proxmire said.

During the day-long hearings the subcommittee heard the heads of 33 city agencies present requests for operating funds during the coming fiscal year.

Proxmire commended city officials for their proposal to establish an Office of Consumer Affairs.

"There is a terrific need for this," Proxmire said, after referring to a report by the Federal Trade Commission, which showed that poor people pay substantially more for goods that are inferior to goods that can be purchased outside the slums.

FIGURES ON TOURIST DECLINE

The number of visitors to Washington's tourist attractions in April was dramatically lower than in April of last year in most cases, official figures show.

Attendance at some attractions was as much as 40 per cent lower than it was last year. In a handful of isolated cases, however, this year's April attendance was higher than last year's.

Officials of the institutions involved released these attendance figures for April of last year and this:

	1967	1968
The White House.....	202,600	151,000
Washington Monument.....	240,000	208,200
Jefferson Memorial.....	255,300	149,300
Lincoln Memorial.....	365,900	368,700
Lee Mansion.....	28,100	30,400
Smithsonian Institution.....	1,579,078	986,211
National Gallery.....	178,228	115,424

The Park Service could not explain why the Lee Mansion and Lincoln Memorial were better attended in April when other attractions had many fewer visitors.

The aftermath of Washington's riot, the then-impending Poor People's Campaign and reports of violence here are all said to have contributed to the decline of tourism.

A spokesman for the National Park Service noted yesterday that in normal times April should have been a significantly better month than April of 1967 because Easter was in March last year and April this year. Easter week traditionally brings thousands of tourists to the city.

These figures tend to confirm the contention of restaurateurs and hotel keepers that tourism—the city's largest private industry—is in serious trouble.

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GUARD CHIEF URGES TOUGHER RIOT ROLE

(By Shirley Elder)

The commander of the D.C. National Guard today suggested two major changes in the Guard's operations to protect the city in any future riot and to avoid a call for federal troops.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Southward said he thinks teams of marksmen should be assigned to each unit with orders to shoot to kill any sniper or other person threatening lives.

Southward said the marksmen would be told: "There's the target—get it." This, said the general, would be a last resort.

Southward went on to say that if he had another 1,500 men added to his present force of 1,750 they, working with metropolitan police, probably could control the situation without federal troops.