

However, in view of the rather extensive testimony we have had before us with respect to the larger problem, I will be very happy to say along with the distinguished Congressmen before that the city is somewhat in a difficult position. We believe that currently the situation we find ourselves in, which is involving the petitioning of the Congress and the administration, is one that is directed along those lines where we simply have not the geography upon which the matter is being debated. I do not believe I have ever had a situation or a circumstance on which the geography is so completely vague.

I feel that what our government has tried to do, Mr. Chairman, is to protect the best interests of this city within reason. We have heard allusions as to protection. I have stated at least four times last week, and with rather, I thought, profound language, that our concern at this moment is for the full protection of the rights of our citizens and those who may visit the city. We have not had the problem of being unvisited, however. We have 16 million people who visit this city yearly. Our concern is for all of America. It distresses me a great deal to hear of children having the problem of not coming to this city.

I sat with a group of businessmen the other day. We found that one of the things that we must start talking about—and just a few weeks ago with the DAR—one of the things that we talked about then was the period of 1776, out of which we moulded a Nation.

When a group of veterans came within two or three days after the height of our disturbances—and I would strongly submit this to those who are yelling from the roof tops and then hiding under the bed, while some of us carry the load.

It is coming to the point where I think we have to stand up and be counted—stand for rights—stand for law and order—and then proceed to make it work.

The hotel people told me just the other day when I had them in here that they are getting word from representatives around that they should not come here. I have urged them to come to this city.

The restaurant people are telling me that they have a good daytime business, but that some people are not coming out at night, at a time when some of the very material that is appearing in the ads in the papers are adverse to night business.

The question is, what are we doing to ourselves? I would strongly appeal at this time to those who fail either to see or to recognize some of the difficulties we are facing that we must pull together in the situation and the circumstance that is truly nationwide, but, particularly has hit the Nation's Capital. And I have seen it since I have been back. I came back here six months ago. I could somewhat feel the situation. I believe the time has come when the Nation's Capital should really be the place that all people of the Nation look to. And I think that those who are pulling it from one end to the other are going to have to reappraise our position. There is no time in this America, and I have heard this said—and I took your word strongly for it, when you spoke to one of our deputy chiefs—when you come down to a small town in your district, you talk about that town and do not run it down. I am trying to do that with this town. I am trying to get everybody to pull along with me, because the situation is difficult.

And I think that statement you made that day is ringing in my ears and has continued to ring. I have made ten speeches to people not to