

gogues, animals, militants, punks, and criminal elements of this city, nation and the world. How stupid are these officials who are allowing this campaign? Don't they know that S.C.L.C. is controlled by SNCC and that Rev. Bevel is a SNCC leader? Don't they know that for every poor man and woman they are recruiting, they're bringing in and infiltrating militant members into the S.C.L.C. Poor Peoples Campaign. Don't we have enough criminal acts in this city committed by youths? What is going to happen when and if the marchers return to their homes? How many are going to remain here, how many are going to join the criminal elements of this city? How many more crimes will be committed? How mad are our officials of this city and nation, how mad??

Through my contacts, both black and white here in this city, I am being told that the April 5th, 1968 so-called riots were only a warm-up. The main event is about to begin. These militants know that the Police have orders not to shoot children. So what have they started to do? Just listen, just read a few happenings since April 4th, 1968. Three youths held up the Industrial Bank of Washington on Georgia Avenue, N.W.—their ages: 15, 15 and 16 years old and they used a shotgun and hand guns. Four youths arrested for \$100,000 fire and looting of the Standard Drug Co., Inc. 1115 H Street, N.E., April 18, 1968—ages were: 14-16-16 Boys; and a girl 17 years old. Several dozen places of business have been looted and set on fire by youths. A S.E. salesman, April 19, 1968, shot and killed one out of five bandits in Prince George's County Branch of Suburban Trust Co. Three youths held up Public National Bank, at Georgia and Eastern Avenues, N.W. while driving down Georgia Avenue at a fast rate of speed, their car hit a parked car. The Driver, a young female was killed, two youths injured. Fifteen youths, several who belong to Pride, Inc. shot and killed Ben Brown, a liquor store operator, whose place of business was looted. The assassin was identified as Ernest M. Greely, a 29-year old man, who is a Pride, Inc. worker. A 17-year old youth was shot and killed while he attempted to break into a store a few doors from his home on May 10, 1968. The store was the S & J Market—2031 Benning Road, N.E., by Wilbert A. Coble, Jr., 27, a partner in the store. What is this city and nation coming to when a person has to sleep in his place of business to protect it? Mr. Wilbert A. Coble and his partner took turns sleeping in their store to protect it. Where is the police protection, what are we paying taxes for? Is every place of business going to become an armed store? Is Mr. Businessman going to have to remain in his store 24 hours a day to protect it? Is Mr. Businessman going to have to brick up his store front and eliminate his show windows? Is this city to become "THE CITY WITH NO WINDOWS?" or be known to the people as "THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE WORLD WITH NO WINDOWS?"

How many merchants and businessmen, both black and white are going to continue taking this laying down? Many persons that I have talked to and believe me it is many, are buying guns and ammunition to be kept in their businesses and their cars and many carry guns on their persons. To obtain a License is next to impossible and they know it. They tell me that if the militants, punks and criminal elements of this city can carry them and get away with it why can't they do the same? This city and the suburbs in Maryland and Virginia are becoming armed camps. People are afraid to come down-town and others will not come in from the suburbs who used to dine in the city, take in a show or visit with friends. Many who work in the District of Columbia after work head straight for their homes. They are afraid. Many places of business are 90% empty before 8 P.M. ! A very few are doing the business that they normally did before April 4th, 1968. I have talked to many owners whom I know personally and managers of downtown restaurants, bars, and other businesses, they are nervous; many are wondering if their already depressed business climate will get worse. Many are arming themselves, many say that they will not run. Many say that since they pay taxes for police protection and do not receive it are going to stop paying taxes. Others are saying that when the time comes they will shoot any looter, criminal—regardless of their age. They tell me a criminal is a criminal. Many businessmen will be forced into bankruptcy. Why then should these people and others be subjected to suffering? Many businesses are off as high as 60%. Why, they ask do we not have adequate police protection on the streets? How is the District of Columbia going to survive if the businessman fails or the tax revenue decreases? What is happening—what? Hotels are receiving huge cancellations. Large groups of tourists are not coming. Conventions are being cancelled. The night-time business has dried up. Businessmen are threatened by punks and criminals if they do not pay they will be burned down. What has happened to this city, where did the scum and these animals come from? Why should an Antique Dealer be forced to close his business