we have taken the position—and I will say it before anybody—that the Government defaulted on its obligation to protect the individual and the property rights of its citizens, that is, the people living in the buildings and the people who owned the buildings.

I watched people who have been in business as long as 75 years put out of business without a show of force. It seems to me there has been too much talk about shooting. Nobody wants to shoot anybody.

If our President had gone on television Thursday night and had said, "We have had some kind of internal disturbance and, if necessary, we will call out the entire militia to repel it," and if the troops had been on the streets Friday morning, there would have been no looting and there would have been no shooting.

That is what I have to say.

Thank you.

Mr. WHITENER. What is your view of the legislation before us, which is now pending?

Mr. LISS. H.R. 16948?

Mr. WHITENER. Both bills, H.R. 19641 and H.R. 16948?

Mr. LISS. Would you please tell me a little bit more about H.R. 16948?

Mr. WHITENER. That is the bill which would authorize the District of Columbia not to issue a permit for a parade or demonstration if the issuing officer has evidence that a civil disturbance might result from the parade or the demonstration, unless the applicant first put up a bond guaranteeing payment for the damage.

Mr. LISS. I do not want to get into an area that I am not an authority on. I speak as a private citizen. I think everybody has a right to protest under our constitutional rights, but I think that the Government has a duty to see to it that it does not turn into chaos.

Mr. Winn mentioned that we do not want to be calling out the troops every time. I do not want to either. We do not want to live under a bayonet. I think that if we do not take some simple measures that we might be living under the bayonett. Nobody wants to live under the bayonet.

Mr. WHITENER. What about the other bill (H.R. 16948) with reference to the District of Columbia Government bearing the expense of the removal of the debris and the rubble?

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Mr. LISS. I think that the Government of the District Columbia should most certainly remove the debris. I would like to comment a little bit on the citizens. There has not been enough said about the people who lived in the buildings nor the employees of the businesses. I like to deal in facts. I can tell you this, that on 7th Street alone there were 1,034 people put out of work and there were some people on 7th Street of both races in that category, and the majority of the employees were Negro, and there were some Negro employees that I know that were making $12,000 a year. They could not get a job on Connecticut Avenue for $90 a week, whether they are black or whether they are white, and if I were looking for a job today, I do not think that anybody would give me $100 a week, and I have had 25 years of experience.