

casual looting—that need not be the case. I have had conversations with contractors on this.

Mr. WHITENER. In other words, these new buildings will have to be fortresses?

Mr. WARDEN. They would have to be stronger buildings. I know that the bank buildings in the area certainly suffered a great deal less damage than the wooden structures, for example, that are 40–50 years old. I would hope that we would not rebuild with wooden structures like that.

Mr. WHITENER. What you are saying is, whatever rebuilding takes place is going to have to be done with the thought in mind that the building must be rebuilt to withstand the hoodlums' Molotov cocktails and the rioting?

Mr. WARDEN. I am afraid that the insurance companies will not tolerate an insurance policy unless that sort of protection is taken.

Mr. WHITENER. That is the way that I understand it.

PRESENT LAW

You stated that the Department of Licensees and Inspections sent these dear ladies a note that they had to get the rubble removed in one day.

Who issued that order?

Mr. WARDEN. The letter was signed by Mr. Dugas, I believe. That is my understanding.

Mr. WHITENER. What was the basis of his contention that the building would have to be removed—on account of safety or sanitation?

Mr. WARDEN. Safety. It is my understanding that this is the only law under which that bureau has to operate. They are no happier in writing that letter than we were in receiving it.

Mr. WHITENER. You mean under the law they had no alternative?

Mr. WARDEN. That is my understanding, to give the one-day notice.

Mr. WHITENER. I have also heard testimony to the fact that there is a law or a regulation which requires certain types of floors in houses, certain bathroom facilities in houses that people occupy; yet, from what I have heard in the papers there have been a lot of so-called temporary dwellings built around here recently that do not seem to be equipped with that kind of thing. I wonder if they have issued any letters to those giving a one-day notice?

Mr. WARDEN. I do not know.

Mr. WINN. I believe Mr. Dugas was reported in the papers this morning as inspecting the so-called Resurrection City.

One more question, Mr. Warden.

From the people that you have talked to, do you think that there was any pre-planned organization about which buildings were going to be looted and set on fire and which ones were not going to be attacked?

Mr. WARDEN. I certainly have heard that kind of rumor and accusation, Mr. Winn. My personal feeling is that it is a totally irresponsible comment. I know of no organization and know of no pre-planning. My feeling is, again, a very personal one, that we do a disservice to the job that we are trying to do, to the problem that we are trying to cure