

the troops were told to "disperse with restraint," thus giving encouragement to the thieves and arsonists.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Winn.

Mr. WINN. You made a statement several—and we appreciate the time that you have spent here at these hearings—that the authorities should have been prepared. We have heard that quite often. But what do you mean by that? We do not have enough policemen in the area all of the time. We certainly cannot have the national guard and the armed forces standing around all the time. How better could it have been done?

Mrs. HOWARD. This is a Federal City, Mr. Winn. This is a Federal City, I repeat, and since the Federal leaders are making the laws, they should have anticipated it the minute that King was murdered—that they could expect trouble. Anybody who lives in this city should have expected trouble and should have been ready with all the means available, and we certainly have the ways and means.

Mr. WINN. I do not disagree with you there, but on the other hand, there have been a lot of members of this Congress who have been expecting trouble from the Poor People's March and so far we have had absolutely no trouble. We just cannot go at it in that way.

Mrs. HOWARD. If you wait long enough, you'll have trouble.

Mr. WINN. I do not say that we are or that we are not going to have trouble. I just say that a lot of people believe that we are going to have trouble—and possibly we will, but so far there has been none.

Mrs. HOWARD. I know it is on the radio—you have not been listening to the radio this morning, either; have you?

Mr. WINN. No, I have not. I was working.

Mrs. HOWARD. As to the permits, I understand that the average organization cannot get a permit in this city to parade.

Mr. WINN. We have been informed this week that 85 permits have been issued. This was amazing to us. We were amazed that that many permits had been issued. We also heard the other side, I am sure that they were right, too, that some permits were turned down and not issued.

Mrs. HOWARD. Mr. Winn, you have to look very deeply at this whole problem. You see this is not purely a local problem; this is an organized conspiracy. This is really a world organization that we are up against now, but our leaders refuse to see the forest for the trees.

Mr. WINN. But your three organizations, they approve of both of these bills?

Mrs. HOWARD. The Federation of Citizens Associations approves H.R. 16948; the North Washington Council and the Columbia Heights Citizens Association approve both H.R. 16941 and H.R. 16948.

Mr. WINN. Thank you very much.

Mr. WHITENER. Thank you very much, Mrs. Howard.

The Federation of Citizens Associations has a statement for the record?

Mrs. HOWARD. Yes, sir.

Mr. WHITENER. If they will file it by Monday, we will have it printed in the record.