

I don't care whether it is your business community, the government employee, the Government Printing Office or what, there is that feeling that it is true. So one way or the other it has got to be corrected.

Mr. DOWDY. No doubt about it.

Mr. MACHEN. That is the point I make, and I think just what you mention, businessmen, we will have some of them and you will have some bus drivers telling you the same thing, here is a man, "I am sorry. I can't do anything about it." I again offer my help as a suburban Congressman concerned with the whole metropolitan area, not trying to point the finger at any one individual but hopeful that there could be better cooperation in solving these problems and not some of them ostrich-like sticking their heads in the sand or feeling the problem will go away or it has got to be done their way or else. I think that is wrong. We have to do it from a cooperative standpoint.

Mr. DOWDY. Sure, your District is a part of the area and this sort of thing spreads out. The area, you read the newspapers, has got so bad that you have almost a daily bank robbery. This shows the criminal element has decided that there is going to be no attempt to apprehend them or prosecute them if they are apprehended, it is a very serious situation.

Mr. MACHEN. I think better than turn the key over to them we should turn the key on them.

Mr. DOWDY. And keep it turned. The criminals in the District of Columbia are supported at so many levels; even one of in the newspapers here, in an editorial a few days ago, the Washington Post—

Mr. MACHEN. I read that.

Mr. DOWDY. This editorial stated a person could make a name for himself by killing a deserving Senator or Member of Congress—the editorialist didn't name who he thought deserved to be killed—but statements such as that are inflammatory. It is hard to find words to describe the irresponsibility of an editorial writer who would recommend such a thing as killing any person. A man who would write such an editorial, recommending that his readers become assassins, should be bored for the simples.

Mr. MACHEN. I thank you.

I believe the next witness, Mr. Chairman, is the President of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade, Mr. Calomiris, whom I have known for many years, very prominent in business circles and I am sure you will be very interested in hearing what he has to say.

Mr. DOWDY. All right, Mr. Calomiris.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM CALOMIRIS, PRESIDENT, METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON BOARD OF TRADE

Mr. CALOMIRIS. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate having this opportunity to make a brief statement on behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade respecting the lawlessness in the District of Columbia.

Understandably the Board of Trade for many years has been concerned with the maintenance of law and order here in the Nation's Capital since that is an essential ingredient of developing and operating a community attractive to visitors and new businesses. Our Committee on Public Order was established in 1896 and has been an integral