

earnestly hope that this Committee and the Congress will seek to accomplish this very essential objective.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Downy. Thank you for your fine statement.

Of course we know Washington is not the only area in the United States where the police have been put under handicaps in enforcing the law, ordered not to arrest, and things of that kind. I know police don't like to be under orders like that, but to keep their jobs they have to obey the orders of their superiors. That is wrong and they should be permitted to enforce the law and I hope the hearings of this Committee will, not only this investigating subcommittee but the full Committee had already, and apparently some of the things we have brought out have had some effect, if not as much as desired.

If there is any legislation that is needed, of course, this Committee will want to bring it forth. It appears to me right now it is not legislation that is needed, it is either a change in direction of the people who are running this government or else firing them and getting somebody who will try to enforce the law.

It just seems to me that Washington officials have been inviting trouble by the things that they permit to go on.

For instance, this Resurrection City, when they set it up as an enclave and said the police couldn't go in there. This was actually a separate country that they could run their own laws in there and do whatever they want, and I have had experiences related to me where somebody from this place would rob, either assault or rob, and the police couldn't do anything with them because they would jump over the fence and the policemen would be ordered not to follow the fellow into the enclave to make an arrest. It is unbelievable that any government would permit such a thing to happen. And those are the sort of things that have got to be stopped if we are going to have any law enforcement in Washington at all.

I realize this situation, and this hotel down here, the Willard, which was forced to close by the riots and demonstrations, and other businesses forced to close. I hope, as a result of our hearing if it develops a need for additional legislation, we will recommend it; but it seems to me that is all on the books that is necessary now, if the executive agencies would enforce those laws.

Mr. Machen, we are glad to have you sit with us.

Mr. MACHEN. I have nothing to add, Mr. Chairman. I think the position made very clear by Mr. Calomiris, the Board of Trade comes out and when they promote the city, and again I come back, I compliment you and the Committee in trying to focus attention on this where there can be better cooperation on all levels of government to restore the respect, the feeling of confidence in the hands of our law enforcement agencies and the people feel they are doing the job. It is just pointed out here from this witness and the other witnesses.

Mr. Dowdy. Thank you.

Mr. CALOMIRIS. Thank you.

Mr. Dowdy. I promised Mrs. Joan Abbott, the president of the District of Columbia Police Wives Association, we would hear her at 10:30 and it is that time. She has some youngsters at home she wants to get back to.

We are glad to have you, Mrs. Abbott.