

the lack of proper, legal protection. As taxpaying citizens of the United States and voting residents representing each and every State and the District of Columbia, we demand *immediate* protection from this sort of violence. As government employes, as taxpayers, as voting members of the United States, these people are entitled to protection and we demand what they are legally entitled to. The Public Printer of the United States, through his good office, has repeatedly requested more police protection. The situation is getting worse and we are getting tired of excuses. The members of my Union are loyal employes, but they are now fed up to the chin with talk, promises and bleeding hearts. If the police cannot handle this problem, then the Armed Forces of the United States should be brought in to patrol at least a 12 block area surrounding the Printing Office. As you are well aware, the GPO is a 24 hour operation and I am very apprehensive as to whether the printing of the U.S. Government will be done on time each and every day if present conditions are allowed to continue another day. I repeat, we need *immediate attention* to the protection of our lives and property.

CHARLES F. HINES,
President, Columbia Typographical Union No. 101.

PRINTING INDUSTRY OF WASHINGTON, D.C., INC.,
May 31, 1968.

Mr. CHARLES F. HINES,
President, Columbia Typographical Union No. 101,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHARLIE: We thought that you and your Union members would be interested to know that the Association has sent the following letter to Mayor Washington, Police Chief Layton, the members of the Senate and House District Committees and the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade:

"The printing industry is Washington's largest manufacturing industry. We employ over 7,500 employees, with an annual payroll topping 55 million dollars. We are proud of the industry's contribution to the economic well being of the Washington area.

"Our members are increasingly concerned with the lawlessness and vandalism to which they and their employees are subjected. There have been numerous payroll robberies and an alarming escalation in the theft of office equipment and of broken windows. Our employers and their employees have been brutally beaten and robbed.

"A great many of our members employ night shift and lobster shift employees and it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade employees, especially women, to work these night-time hours.

"We would urge that immediate steps be taken to provide adequate police protection for the property of the business concerns in this area and to assure the safety of the employees. The current lawlessness will only accelerate the removal of our member plants out of the District of Columbia."

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

DORIS T. HALL, *Executive Director.*

Mr. HINES. We have within a year lost considerable business in the District of Columbia in the commercial printing plants, newspaper lineage has gone down and the Government Printing Office employees are losing not just business but personal possessions and sometimes eyes, through acts of physical violence.

We have facing us today the move of many, many small printing businesses in the City of Washington that are moving to the suburbs because of the lawlessness going on in the District of Columbia.

One firm, for example, has a print shop up around 18th and Kalorama Road. They call this area a ghetto. I was born and raised in Washington. This was one of the finest neighborhoods in the city. This shop has a woman that works, one woman that I know of personally, who works the night-time hours. They have a special arrangement with