

Mr. HINES. In answer to your question, Congressman, I don't think the officials in the U.S. Senate or Congress are being hysterical in any form or manner when they have, when the statement they have made about more police protection and even to the extent of bringing in armed forces of the United States.

I think it is a necessary evil more or less, and when I say evil it is something we ought to be ashamed of rather than have to do it, but as long as the hire of people—people that are hired by the Congressman and Senators of this country sit on their duffs and say “well, if I do this I am going to lose votes and lose votes,” the hell with the votes, the country is going to hell. We have got to start worrying about the people in it before we start worrying about people's political futures, and I think it has, what it has come down today, is politics above all and the hell with the people. It is a hell of a statement to make, but it is true.

Mr. MACHEN. Don't misunderstand me that is the reason for having you all here, that is perhaps a written record that some of them have refused to acknowledge.

Mr. HINES. Let me say this one thing and then I will let you go back to the others and I don't like to hog the show. But I think right today you have a situation where we have two very outstanding political parties, Republicans and the Democrats, and this has been the tradition and history of this country and I am very proud of it.

Today you have a third party entered into it, and I have my reservation of who I am going to vote for and who I am not going to vote for and that is not anybody's business but my own, but I think when people come out and say that the Democrats or Republicans ought to choose up sides and cast their votes to go to keep another party from becoming a Presidential candidate or a Presidential appointee or nominee of this country, then I think it is a disgrace to this country.

The only reason why that gentleman is getting the votes that he is going to get, and he is going to get quite a few from what I hear, is because the other people, the members of the two parties who are going to run, don't have the guts to stand pat and say “and let's stop all the horse manure here and get down and put an end to the lawlessness in this country,” and believe me that is the only reason why Governor Wallace is going to get a lot of the votes he is going to get. They are sick and tired of all the politics being played on this thing.

Mr. DOWDY. I think you are right about that, and I wish you would tell the young man over here, the Karate expert, if he gets jumped again to mark one of them up so he can be identified and be easy to find.

Mr. HINES. Fine.

Mr. Spinks?

Mr. MACHEN. I would just like to comment about politics. I do not feel that this is a partisan political issue. I think this is an issue that the members of both parties on both sides of the aisle are deeply concerned about and what we are concerned about is not personalities or the partisan politics.

Mr. HINES. Right.

Mr. MACHEN. But we are concerned not only with the answer here but with some of the root causes, too, but we think law enforcement ought to be the number one priority.

Mr. HINES. That is right.