

Mr. RICHMOND. Just to give you an idea, this is one of the things that goes on at D.C. Transit.

Last year, all of 1967—1967 now—we had a million and a half worth of buses and glass or seats and glass destroyed, a million and a half dollars, and robberies, too.

Now, this year it is going to be much higher than that. In the event that some safety director from the District was to come down and go over the buses of D.C. Transit, and enforce the law like they really are supposed to be enforced insofar as like a cab or a public transportation vehicle cannot operate with a broken glass or cracked glass, you would stop half the transportation in the Washington, D.C., area, because nearly every one of our buses has some type of cracked window, and he just cannot replace them fast enough.

Mr. BROYHILL. You say a million and a half dollars?

Mr. RICHMOND. A million and a half. That was last year, 1967.

Mr. BROYHILL. A million and a half!

Mr. RICHMOND. A million and a half dollars in seats and glass. This is just last year. This year it is going to be much higher than this because of the civil disturbance.

Mr. BROYHILL. Actually, Mr. Chairman, the mere fact that we have a provision in the law for the waiver of the motor vehicle fuel tax and other taxes for D.C. Transit if the revenue or the income is not at a certain level, means this has to be paid for by the taxpayers.

Mr. RICHMOND. I do not know anything about that, but I am just saying a million and a half.

Mr. BROYHILL. Yes.

Mr. RICHMOND. It is quite a bit of money, and this year I imagine it will go to \$2 million, and you take these fellows, this guy has been robbed five times.

Mr. BROYHILL. Do you gentlemen represent the union itself, or are you just individuals?

Mr. RICHMOND. No, we are just individuals of the union. What Mr. Machen is speaking of, he invited us down prior to this meeting and we were talking to him, and we were telling him some of the things that were going on, and he really could not believe some of the things we were saying. I told him that I would bring this film, and he called my bluff and he said, "You do it."

Mr. MACHEN. I did not say I did not believe it. I wanted to make certain it would go in the official records.

Mr. RICHMOND. He said for me to bring in the evidence.

Mr. BROYHILL. Truth is stranger than fiction.

Mr. RICHMOND. It is, it really is.

Mr. BROYHILL. Did I understand correctly that you were criticizing the scrip system, when you were talking about the inconvenience of it?

Mr. RICHMOND. It is not an inconvenience to me or the drivers, it is not an inconvenience at all to us. In fact, we welcome it, we grab our transfers and the scrip in the morning and we are off.

The first week or so is going to be kind of rough on us because a lot of people do not understand.

Mr. BROYHILL. Do you support it?

Mr. RICHMOND. Oh, yes, right now, because it keeps us from being robbed. We had one robbery Monday. This happened during the day. A guy was walking down the street and some guys walked up behind