

it became a national sport with players soon convinced that they were not only above the law, but indeed within their moral right. For after all, did not the Jew for at least 350 years economically exploit the poor downtrodden Aryan, and was not the Jew responsible for the insidiously planned and conceived genocide of millions of budding young Aryans through instigating and purposely losing World War I?

The second explanation seems to relate to the fantastic contention of some super-liberal civil rights advocates that our colored citizens would resent the imposition of strict law enforcement on their criminal element and would consider acts of law enforcement as a denial of their civil rights. In other words the contention implies that the majority of colored citizens would rather be killed, maimed, yoked, robbed, looted and burned by their own criminal element than have them promptly arrested, tried and punished, and if need be shot, just as white criminals. Insofar as the popular cries of police brutality are concerned, their intensity seems to be in direct proportion to the number of crimes committed by our criminals when being rearrested while out on bond via personal recognition. Little else need be said except that one of the most foolproof methods to avoid possible exposure to "police brutality" is to desist in the commission of crimes. I can recommend this approach from personal experience. I might also add that I have yet to hear of any policeman involved in any physical struggle with a citizen over the issuance of parking meter violation citations for example.

Finally, I would like to dispel some current wishful thinking, namely that the riots were not organized and will just go away. Through my real estate operations I know many colored people including a number of riot participants, former criminals, . . . etc. I, at least, was aware of the fact that riots were being organized for some time this Summer. I had mainly presumed that our Director of Public Safety, Mr. Murphy, using his new modern techniques of law enforcement intelligence acquisition, would have even more precise information and take appropriate steps. Needless to say I was wrong. A few hours after Dr. Martin Luther King's tragedy, an emergency meeting was called by our riot organizers; a vote taken quite democratically, and the riot instigated. Mr. Murphy in subsequent public interviews attempted to convince us that his reason for not directing police officers to contain the initiating rioters was based on his deep feeling of safety for his men who were outnumbered. Since, however, the initiating group of rioters consisted of no more than some dozens of hoodlums for quite a few hours in the 14th Street vicinity, it is difficult to comprehend why Mr. Murphy's police force of several thousand men was outnumbered. Insofar as getting to the scene, the few times that I have been involved in minor traffic accidents within the District of Columbia, a telephone call has invariably brought police in minutes. Finally, the subsequent magical appearance of electronically rigged automobiles driven by riot leaders equipped with loudspeaker systems, walkie-talkies, etc. on 7th Street, N.W. coordinating and directing groups of looters and arsonists is hardly convincing of our popular concept of a spontaneous outpour of deep grief for Dr. Martin Luther King's tragic death. Criminals, looters, and arsonists have little sentimentality; their objectives are quite practical.

I respectfully request that you lend the strength of your office towards achieving effective law enforcement in the District of Columbia.

Respectfully,

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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 6, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE McMILLAN: "Write to the District Committee if you want action", I was told by the police. I am therefore writing to you to plead for your recognition of the problem that exists for me and my neighbors.

I am the owner of Foodland Super Market, 343-13th Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., and I am a native Washingtonian. I have paid taxes and have been an owner of a business in Washington, as was my father before me, for over 30 years.