

A most important step in behalf of these businessmen is their adequate compensation through insurance or government grants, or both to provide capital. This is because rebuilding of these enterprises is recognized as most urgent in order to provide an income for the businessmen, employment for workers, rent for the property owners, interest and dividends for the investors, and above all reestablish the tax base for the District of Columbia. These are basic requirements if our Capital is to regain its stature as a place for visitors.

We suggest the following action to create an atmosphere that will encourage rapid restoration and further development of our Capital City :

Immediately terminate the irresponsible acts of arson.

Enforce law and order.

Apply the law of the land most vigorously to all law breakers.

Finally, ensure citizens of the District, visitors, and tourists of their complete safety and security in the Nation's Capital.

Only then can the rebuilding and further expansion of this Capital City take place.

Thanking you, we are,

Respectfully yours,

ROY L. SWENSON, *President.*

MICHIGAN PARK CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C., May 14, 1968.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The Michigan Park Citizens Association at the May meeting unanimously passed a resolution demanding that law and order be maintained and enforced in the District of Columbia.

The daily lists of arson, robbery, and assault indicate ineffectual local administration. Leadership and vigorous action by the Executive Branch of the Government is necessary to secure law enforcement in every detail. The solution of the Capital's urban and business problems require time, patience, and wisdom and cannot even begin in this atmosphere. On the other hand, control of riots, and the maintenance of law and order require only police and military manpower and could be achieved almost instantly.

The situation in the District of Columbia demands immediate action. If we cannot ensure domestic tranquility, health, and safety for all citizens including personnel of business establishments in our National Capital, then martial law by Executive order would be necessary and the obvious solution.

The following statement is taken from a recent Congressional Record:

"All people in this country must realize that this is a land of liberty, not a land of license; that this is a land where laws must be respected, not violated; that this is a land where each man is free to carve out his own destiny and choose his own future so long as he harms no one else in the process; that this is a land where a man's value is not determined by his race and his color, but by what he has contributed and is contributing toward making this a decent, law-abiding society in a free nation."

We subscribe to this philosophy and trust that prompt action will be taken to restore law and order in this great Capital.

Respectfully yours,

ROY L. SWENSON, *President.*

PARK AND SHOP, INC.,
Washington, D.C., May 15, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The citizens and the business community of Washington, D.C. are seriously concerned over the increasing incidents of lawlessness and violence in this city and especially over the possible repetition of the recent rioting and looting. We feel obligated to join in the rising demand for a restoration of peace, order and progress through law.