

We feel sure that you and the Interior Department and any other Officials in Washington will approve this request and will give us the same treatment and protection that is being extended to the "Poor Peoples Demonstration." From news items we feel sure that our planned camping trip there will not conflict with theirs, as their time will expire in middle June.

We are looking forward to this trip and especially the opportunity to camp so close to such historical places as the Lincoln Memorial, etc. As you know, it takes time and money to prepare for such a trip, so please give us your approval as soon as possible. We are taxpaying Citizens, White, with no police records. We are coming for sightseeing educational and camping purposes only, we do not want anything from the Federal Government or Congress except equal treatment and the same privileges extended other citizens and groups. If we visit Congress, it will be only to make a social call and congratulate our representatives on the good work they are doing.

Yours very truly,

JAMES R. HANAHAN.

MARKET SERVICECENTER,
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Hon. JOHN McMILLAN,
House District Committee,
Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I have been listening to people on radio and television recently in regards to the conditions existing in Washington, D.C. Mayor Washington claims the business men are unduly alarmed and spreading false rumors about people who are not coming into Washington at night. But, I've got news for you—they are not coming in the day time either.

Recently I have been staying at my beach home and commuting daily. This morning I came in New York Avenue and particularly noted the lack of automobiles at the Motels. Maybe, Mr. Washington or Mr. Murphy have an answer for the lack of Motel and Hotel Registrations. With the continued robberies in the Motels and the fact the City is without police protection probably has nothing to do with the fact that tourists are staying away by the thousands.

I was born and raised in this city but there has never been another period in my life when I have witnessed such complete disregard for the Police Morale in the Metropolitan Police Department is at its lowest in the history of this City. The Police are harassed by both the officials and the Citizens with complete disregard for the private's safety. How can a police private take an oath to carry out the rules of law and order and still work under Mr. Murphy and Mr. Washington? Are they not breaking faith with God when they are forced by orders from Mr. Murphy to break these oaths?

Anyone who monitored the Police frequency during that fateful period of April Fifth would be ashamed of the police officials, namely, Mr. Wilson the Assistant Chief of Police and Mr. Murphy. Their decisions have made every policeman I know ashamed of his part of the Metropolitan Police Department.

On April fifth at about ten o'clock in the morning a group of about two hundred youths were walking down Florida Avenue headed West. Seeing this rowdy crowd I called Police headquarters and informed them. They told me they were aware of the condition. As this crowd passed my place of business they called to my men and told them they were going to tear hell out of fourteenth street northwest and on their return would be back H street northeast. I again called the police and relayed this information. The result—nothing. You know the rest. Losses that can never be regained.

Now, getting back to my problem. The Riot.

Apparently Congressmen Charles Mathias and Gilbert Gude are under the impression that Mr. Murphy is doing a good job.

I'm a registered Republican in Montgomery County and would like to extend an invitation to these gentlemen to walk thru this market and talk to the business men, many who are voters in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. I feel that meeting these men and discussing conditions may broaden their views.

I've repeatedly read the wonderful things this committee is doing for the colored race and feel that some day these things may happen to me too. I'm white.

My business was broken into, windows smashed, stock stolen, fixtures smashed and my wall safe broken. This all could be tolerated if any relief was in sight but the only thing a person has to look forward to in Washington, D.C. under the present circumstances and direction of Mr. Washington and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Wilson is the next riot.