

District is an abject failure. Under the present regime crime has continued to increase part of the city has been burned down while police stood idly by waiting for orders to use force. Murder, rape and arson continues unchecked, bus drivers are robbed and killed, looting goes on, all over the city.

Sir, the addition of 1000 or 10,000 policemen is NOT the answer. As long as criminals are released "in the custody of their parents" and paroled to commit more crimes the reign of terror will continue.

It is my opinion that Congress should take action immediately to dissolve the present government of the District and regain control over its administration before it is too late.

The occupation of park land which belongs to all the people by the "poor people" is detrimental to the nation's capitol. I hope that you will use your influence to terminate this monstrosity at the earliest possible time. I hope you will support and insist on the passage of the Bill introduced recently to effect this action.

Most sincerely yours,

THOMAS W. HERRON.

DERBY, CONNECTICUT, *June 17, 1968.*

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: I am writing to you as chairman of the House District of Columbia Committee. I endorse H. Res. 1129 introduced by Representative John Rarick.

I, too, would like to know why the President didn't immediately put a halt to the rioting and why a state of anarchy was allowed to be built before effective action was taken.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. EUGENE WIRKUS.

(Whereupon, at 1:05 p.m., the hearing in the above-entitled matter was adjourned.)

(Subsequently, the following material was filed for the record:)

[Editorial broadcast by WMAL/AM/FM/TV, Washington, D.C., during the week of June 30, 1968]

RETURN TO "NORMAL"

District officials have been hailing a "return to normal" since the clearing of Resurrection City and the subsequent civil disorder a week ago.

Statistics just released show that "normal" during the first quarter of this year meant some 40 murders, 1,800 robberies, 700 aggravated assaults, 4,000 burglaries, and 2,000 auto thefts. Since the April riot, of course, crime has increased.

We do not believe there is any longer such a thing as normalcy on the streets of Washington.

The Federal Government could and should help correct this situation by bringing in Federal troops. The troops need not intervene in the local crime problem. They could simply control demonstrations, which are a Federal problem, but take up thousands of police man-hours. This action would allow the police to concentrate exclusively on the local crime problem.

The Federal Government is currently lathered up about controlling guns. We hope the Government will soon become equally concerned about the gun toters who prowl the streets of the Federal City.

[Reprint from advertisement in the Washington Post, June 20, 1968]

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO TO END VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

Many years ago in London, a severe outbreak of cholera devastated the population. An English physician named John Snow had a hunch. He looked up the addresses of all the cholera victims and found that every one of them drew their drinking water from the same pump on Broad Street. Dr. Snow knew little of the nature of the cholera organism or how it transmitted the disease in the water. But he removed the handle of the Broad Street pump. And he stopped the epidemic.