

To add to his frustrations, Peters said in each instance it was Negroes who have held him up. "My own people, whom I've been charged to help, are making me quit," he said.

"They talk about starting businesses for ourselves," Peters continued, "but these robbers don't let us succeed. It's a damn shame. Maybe they don't realize it, but they're only giving white racists like Wallace and his group ammunition."

Peters said he has been active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other civil rights groups for many years and was also a member of the District Board of Pharmacy for six years. "They used to keep Negroes off the board," he said. "But I fought hard to get us admitted, so we could do things for our people."

In a final gesture Peters, who also taught at the Howard School of Pharmacy, pointed to one of his young employees, 25-year-old Douglas Norris. "See that young fellow," he said, "he told me he was quitting even before I decided to get out. It's a shame."

Explained Norris: "You don't know what to expect anymore. Anything can happen at anytime."

