

some time back, that 99 percent of our people want good law enforcement, and I believe this will give them law and order, and I think the citizens can participate in it. But if we are talking about the United Black Front, if we are talking about these pressure groups that are seeking some type of recognition, then those are the type that should be put in that bucket and sealed. Let's listen to the leaders of the city. They would have just as much opportunity to come to this Congress or come to the Chiefs of Police or the Commissioner or anywhere else. So we are not in any form in this bill preventing participation of citizens. But we could eliminate some of this harassment that is continually going around.

I have other little documents of note that disturb me no end. When I read a piece in the paper where one of the leaders of a so-called organization, called a militant civil rights organization, will take over the sound truck campaign against the Metropolitan Police Department, specifically against the officer accused—we went through that the last time. This was about Office Tague, but this is one of the leaders. I would like to put this in the record, if I may.

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HOBSON DECLARES ACT WILL HARASS POLICEMAN

(By Paul Delaney, Star Staff Writer)

The militant civil rights organization ACT will take over the sound truck campaign against the Metropolitan Police Department and specifically against an officer accused of brutality, ACT chairman Julius Hobson said today.

He said the sound truck campaign would be launched sometime after May 1.

Hobson resigned from the Citizens Committee for Equal Justice yesterday when that group retreated in its method of protest against Pvt. Thomas Tague, involved in a dispute after he arrested rights leader Marion Barry last month.

The citizens committee announced yesterday that it would not use a sound truck to follow Tague on his beat and blast out that the patrolman is a "dangerous character." The group originally decided upon the tactic at a mass meeting Monday.

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But Hobson said today members of ACT, instead will man a sound truck and go through the streets of Tague's beat and announce to citizens that he is "armed and should be considered dangerous."

The Police Department had issued a permit for the Citizens Committee to use a sound truck for one week beginning next Monday. Hobson would have to apply for another permit to legally carry out the threat.

Hobson said leaders of the group were "boys trying to do a man's job." He accused them of lacking courage to carry out their plans after facing severe criticism.

"They were frightened by some racist members of Congress," Hobson asserted.

"I think they did a disservice to the community to plan a course of action and then not have the courage to act. But I'm not going to be frightened.

"As soon as the school boycott (scheduled for May 1) is over, whether successful or not ACT will take up where CCEJ left off."

Hobson said the committee's leaders, Lonnie King and the Rev. David Eaton, are not used to rough criticism, and "if they can't stand the excitement they should stay out of the arena."

The committee was formed after the March 30 jaywalking arrest of Barry. A scuffle ensued during the arrest and Barry claimed he was struck by Tague. However, the officer was cleared of any wrongdoing by the District commissioners' after an almost immediate investigation. Barry still faces charges of jaywalking, disorderly conduct and destruction of property.