

I have no intention to remain in an atmosphere permissive of unlawful acts, justified by supposedly responsible people who claim to be civic leaders, who in effect are followers of the crowd, mouthing statements popular to the rabble in order to maintain their own personal popularity or give vent to their prejudices.

I have vainly waited for some rebuttal of the Black United Front from this Department other than the Policemen's Association, but apparently we also are without leadership.

I am not impressed by the derogatory statements or the inaction of leadership. This will all pass with time. What will not pass is the ineffectual leadership so dominant throughout this city, that not even one responsible party has the courage to rebut the statements. All that is put forth are excuses and idiotic justifications for the wording. This is supposed to be for the good of the community. Good for the Black resident of the ghetto? These are the people who suffer most from lawlessness. Good for the Middle class citizen? Black and white, he is fleeing to the suburbs, or living behind locked doors in constant fear.

I am unable to see any change for the better in the near future and in plain talk "I'm getting out while I'm still in one piece".

It is with deep regret that I have reached this decision but I must follow my own convictions no matter what the cost. My only thought in rebuttal to the Justifiable Homicide statement is, if the killing of a Human Being in the course of carrying out an unpopular or unfavorable task is termed justifiable then all people in authority had best beware, and when Government agrees, even tacitly, Civilization as we know it has signed its Death Warrant.

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Mrs. NEWMAN. We thank you for the consideration you have shown us this morning and we want you to know that we deeply appreciate the sympathetic understanding and support which the members of this committee and of the Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, have always given the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. Thank you.

Mr. DOWDY. Thank you, Mrs. Newman, for your statement.

Of course the reason for these bills being introduced, it appears that police powers vested in separate organizations under separate control are not working out as they should and we feel a unified police would do a better job.

You mention the press and so forth. Part of it seems to have a vested interest in riots and so on because it gives them something to put on the front page. In the Chicago disorders it was stated that television cameramen got a young woman to come before their cameras and run up to the police and scream "police brutality" so they could have something to show on their television programs. This is unfortunate. As a result of this they encourage and actually promote, in effect, troubles that otherwise would not occur.

Reports continually come to us from people whose stores were looted in the April riots here that the police told them they were under orders not to make arrests of these looters and arsonists. Do you know anything about that?

Mrs. NEWMAN. I know they were allowed to arrest the men and as a result thousands were arrested.

Mr. DOWDY. This was when the riots first started?

Mrs. NEWMAN. Yes.

Mr. DOWDY. At least one person told me he stood in front of his store and requested the police to make arrests and they refused to do so.

Mrs. NEWMAN. Was this when the trouble began on 14th Street? At that time they thought it could be contained in a small area and they cordoned off the area at that time.