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September 13, 1966

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Civil Rights

Dear Colleague:

On August 8th of this year, you joined 388 of your colleagues in supporting an anti-riot amendment to the civil rights bill which would make it a Federal offense to travel in or use a facility of interstate commerce with the intent of inciting a riot or other form of violent civil disobedience.

Since you voted for that amendment, riots of a racial nature have occurred in: New York; Grenada, Mississippi; Lansing, Muskegon, Detroit, Benton Harbor, Michigan; Cicero & Waukegan, Illinois; Dayton, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; and Washington, D. C.

In view of this continued violence, and because it now appears that the 1966 Civil Rights Bill containing the anti-riot amendment has no chance of passage by the Senate (quoting Senator Mansfield), I have introduced a separate bill which is identical to the anti-riot amendment to the civil rights bill, for which you have already voted.

I am hopeful you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation which I believe this Congress has a duty to enact into law before adjournment. I am asking Chairman Celler of the House Judiciary Committee to schedule the bill for immediate Judiciary Committee action. Attached is a copy of the bill which you can introduce. Attached also is a copy of a press release which gives a number of compelling reasons why passage of this bill this session is essential.

Sincerely,

Bill
William C. Cramer, M. C.

WCC/my
Enclosures

FOR RELEASE: Immediate

FROM: The Office of Congressman William C. Cramer

September 12, 1966

CRAMER CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE
ACTION INTRODUCES ANTI-RIOT BILL IN
VIEW OF PROBABLE DEMISE OF 1966 CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

WASHINGTON. . . U.S. Rep. William C. Cramer, R-Fla., today introduced a bill, identical in language and intent, to his successful anti-riot amendment to the 1966 Civil Rights Bill, which would make it a Federal offense to travel in or use a facility of interstate commerce with the intent of inciting a riot or other form of violent civil disobedience.

Cramer said the need for enactment of separate legislation in this area has been made necessary because of the pronouncements of Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and others suggesting that the 1966 Civil Rights Bill has no chance of passing the Senate this session. The Cramer anti-riot amendment is included in the House passed version of that bill.

Cramer, a ranking Minority Member of the House Judiciary Committee, said that he has directed a letter to House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., calling for immediate action by the Judiciary Committee on the bill.

"So replete is the Record with evidence testifying to the need for this legislation that lengthy hearings on this bill are unnecessary," Cramer told the House in a floor speech accompanying the introduction of his bill.

"The demise of the Civil Rights Bill of 1966 should not be allowed to defeat a most compelling and non-controversial provision of the bill such as the anti-riot amendment. That it is non-controversial has been adequately demonstrated by the overwhelming vote of 389 to 25 it received in this Body. That it is needed is obvious to all who have read the reports of the violence that has flared -- and continues to flare up-- in the major cities of America," Cramer continued.

"The bill is needed to cope with those riot-leaders that direct the riots through the use of interstate facilities such as the telephone but who do not actually take part in the riots themselves.

"It is needed to give investigative authority that has power to cross state lines.

"It is needed to bring action against riot leaders where local political pressures now prevent state and local action.

"It is needed to act as a deterrent because of the strong penalties it provides as compared to many local and state laws. (Punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period of 5 years or both.)

"And it is needed so that this Congress can reaffirm in the form of positive legislation its determination to put an end to organized mobocracy," Cramer said.

"This Congress cannot in good faith adjourn before meeting one of the most crying needs and pressing demands in America today . . . the enactment into law of strong, anti-riot legislation to deal with the anarchists who would take lives and destroy property and seek to justify their actions under the halo of 'civil rights'," Cramer said.

89th Congress

2d Session

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. _____ introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18 of the United States Code to prohibit travel or use of any facility in interstate or foreign commerce with intent to incite a riot or other violent civil disturbance, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting, immediately after chapter 101 thereof, the following new chapter:

"Chapter 102.--RIOTS AND OTHER VIOLENT
CIVIL DISTURBANCES

"§ 2101. Riots

"Whoever moves or travels in interstate or foreign commerce or uses any facility in interstate or foreign commerce, including the mail, with intent to - -

"(1) incite, promote, encourage, or carry on, or facilitate the incitement, promotion, encouragement, or carrying on of, a riot or other violent civil disturbance;

or

"(2) commit any crime of violence, arson, bombing, or other act which is a felony or high misdemeanor under Federal or State law, in furtherance of, or during commission of, any act specified in paragraph (1); or

"(3) assist, encourage, or instruct any person to commit or perform any act specified in paragraphs (1) and (2);
and thereafter performs or attempts to perform any act specified in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

SEC. 2. The table of contents of "Part I-Crimes" of title 18
of the United States Code is amended by inserting after the following:

"101. Records and reports-----2071"

the following new chapter reference:

"102. Riots--and other violent civil disturbances-----2101".

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as indicating
an intent on the part of the Congress to occupy the field in which any pro-
vision of this Act operates to the exclusion of State laws on the same sub-
ject matter, nor shall any provision of this Act be construed as invalidating
any provision of State law unless such provision is inconsistent with any
of the purposes of this Act or provision thereof.

WICHITA KANSAS
July 27, 1966.

Dear Rep. Dole :

We, your Kansas Constituents, would like to know how you stand on Title IV, the "Unfair Housing Bill.

This Bill is offensive and unconstitutional and would completely ruin a lot of your constituents, including Mrs. Stopher, my neighbor, and myself. We have twelve Apartments in each of our buildings and they are rented to tenants we have chosen with great care.

We vigorously protest being forced to rent to anybody, black or white, who is undesirable as a tenant.

Any Senator who votes for this Bill is deliberately discriminating against us, and putting a lot of good citizens at the mercy of any hoodlum who chooses to annoy them.

Civil Rights should be for everybody not only Negroes. I believe that Negroes should vote, should have as good an education as possible, have jobs as good as they are capable of handling, and eat anyplace they wish. They are entitled to these things, and in the exercise of these rights they are not depriving other people of their rights. But this Housing Bill definitely deprives the property owner of his personal right to his choice of tenants.

It's about time there were some laws passed for the protection of the law abiding citizens of this Country and about time our Government Officials started thinking about the good of the country instead of the Votes they hope to get.

We hope you will use your influence to keep this Housing Bill from passing.

Sincerely

Mrs. H. D. Harris
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Wichita, Kansas. 67211.

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BOB DOLE

665 South Santa Fe Ave.
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July 16, 1966

The Honorable Bob Dole
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Dole :

I thank you for sending me a copy of the amended Civil Rights Act of 1966 and I am glad to express my opinion. I consider all Civil Rights legislation wrong and of no benefit to the people it claims to benefit and it is dangerous to the rights of all citizens.

Do you remember I objected to the first Civil Rights Bill for which most Congressmen voted ? Congress is in a position to see the results. Today, I believe I am safe in saying that not one Congressman is sending his child to the public schools of Washington D.C.

As a Senior High School teacher, I would like to emphasize the awful chaos in our public school systems which had formerly made ours greater than other school systems of the world.

Instead of crowding negro children into public schools with white children, many believe they should be placed in special boarding schools where they can be taught moral standards, respect for law and property and cleanliness and educated for their abilities. After another generation the situation might be different.

The next Civil Rights Bill that was passed destroyed the states' rights to have literacy tests and laws and it was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court. So we shall now have our voting done by people who are too ignorant to read or write or comprehend. Everyone knows the trouble heaped upon the South and I wonder if we shall lose the desirable citizens to other nations of the world. The Negroes have a continent to go back to but the white man must hunt a place of refuge.

Now, we have the pending law that a man cannot control his own investments even in buying and selling. The Supreme Court will no doubt declare that it is constitutional. I shall quote from the NATIONAL REVIEW of May 31, 1966, page 508 : "A half dozen judges of the Supreme Court, in a series of decisions dating back into the nineteenth century and culminating in the famous CREAM of WHEAT CASE, have explicitly said that NO MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ANOTHER MAN CAN SELL OR DISPOSE OF HIS OWN PROPERTY ."

I feel that any modification of the Civil Rights ACT of 1966 will be for means of passage and will eventually lead to complete loss of the rights of the property owner and further loss of individual rights. It will bring terror into apartment living. We shall have stepped further into Communism. What is once lost will probably never be regained.

When people are so obnoxious and dangerous that they must demand a law to crowd themselves onto others, it is time to look at who are really spreading the "Golden Rule" propaganda. If the white man wants to keep his race pure, he should have the privilege in the nation he himself built.

It is time to stop Civil Rights demands now before further damage is done and expose the leaders and the motives of the leaders. It is time to stop rioting and destruction of property and disrespect for our laws and police. If it is not done, I shudder to think of what the next Civil Rights Bill will be and what will happen to the United States.

While I am writing, I also have this suggestion. Washington D.C. should be made into a Capitol worthy of this nation. It should be a place where only Congressmen and Ambassadors live and also those who have official jobs there. There should be an exodus of all others. It should be made into a place safe for all visitors.

At present I feel afraid to attend Continental Congress. My Clan has voted not to meet again in Washington D.C. Our fine public buildings are not safe in a nation where everything is being made so easy for criminals.

This is off the subject of the Civil Rights Act but it needs thought.

Sincerely,

Anna Lora Miller
(Miss) Anna-Lora Miller

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BOB DOLE

U.S. Soldier Beaten, Robbed As 25 Subway Riders Cheer

CHICAGO (AP) — A soldier stationed in Chicago was beaten and robbed aboard a subway train today while, detectives said, 25 passengers cheered his assailant.

The victim is Richard Bloomfield, 25, an Army specialist fourth class assigned to a Nike base on the south side. His home is in Carey Run, Route 1, Portsmouth, Ohio.

HE WAS TREATED in a hospital where stitches were taken in a cut above his right eye.

Bloomfield said that just after he boarded the train at a near North Side station a man confronted him and said, "Give me your money or I'll kill you."

When the soldier refused, the man tore

off Bloomfield's eyeglasses and began beating him.

TWO CHICAGO Transit Authority detectives, Charles Berglund and Joseph Ezerski, came into the car while Bloomfield was being assaulted.

"We had to draw our guns on the whole crowd," Berglund said. "We had no choice. They were all chanting — cheering on the assailant."

The detectives seized James Person, 27, who was charged with robbery and battery and held for an appearance in the felony division of circuit court.

Bloomfield is white and Person and most of the passengers in the car were Negroes, the detectives said.

WICHITA BEACON PAGE 1
JULY 12, 1966

Dear Congressman Dole:

Martin Luther King says he wants Chicago to be an "open city." Does he mean open for beatings and riots? King speaks of ~~non~~ non-violence, but he has a surprising trail of riots and violence following him from city to city.

The Negro should have "civil rights," but all of us are entitled to "law and order." Five years ago a group of Chicago Negroes would not have cheered the beating and robbing of a white man. These Negro leaders have taught their people to hate and to destroy. They have made the colored peoples into an uncontrolled mob with no sense of right and wrong.

The Negro community must have civic responsibility as well as civil rights.

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Sirs:

Am very much opposed to HR 14765 and S-3296 on the subject "Title IV; Civil Rights Bill."

It appears that the colored people are taking advantage to the recent Civil Rights Law, apparently with the understanding it applies only to them. The whites also have civil rights and to restrict their judgement or rights to whom they may sell their own personal property, is an infringement on their rights. Too much for the negro and too little for the whites will no doubt end up in another civil war. Let's give each equal rights and if the negro desires to better himself, let him qualify for better living by education and working, instead of looking to the government for everything.

In my opinion, these marches and riots should be delt with severely, even to the extent of turning machine guns and tanks on them. This applies to both races. Why spend so much money trying to get to the moon when the lawmakers cannot control the people here on earth?

There are several other items I would mention. If the present salaries of our Congressmen and Senators is insufficient why do they keep trying for re-nomination. Some of them are not available for voting half of the time and when there don't have the guts to vote their convictions, therefore they abstain.

Why are we helping our so-called allies who in turn help the people we are fighting, why not adopt a get-tough attitude towards those they will not stay with us and as far as the money spent on the United Nations, as far as I am concerned, it might as well be poured down a drain. The U.N. has proved useless in keeping world peace and should be dissolved, or the United States pull out and let them put up their headquarters elsewhere. For the number of past experiences we have had, we are still gullible and will spent money with anyone and for anything that is asked for.

Where are the wise men of today?

Sincerely,
Delbert Hughes

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Congressman Bob Dole
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Dear Bob:

A lot of appalling developments and incredible legislation has been rammed through the Congress in recent years, but if I read the interpretation correctly, NOTHING has ever been so loaded with danger for the freedom of the normal citizen, and particularly the white citizen, as the rider on that last so-called civil rights bill.

I have read twice that the purpose of the rider was to protect such animals as Martin Luther King in their parades, marches, meetings, gatherings, etc . . . with the accompanying pretense that riots are incited and carried out by persons who are fighting these mobs of so-called freedom marchers.

My God in heaven! The need is to PREVENT those hoodlums from ravaging, destroying, pillaging, looting, and running wild . . . the citizenry needs protection AGAINST these animals. And if I read aright, this new stinger gives them airtight protection against anybody who might choose to defend his business, his home, his family, his right to move about as he pleases. The advent of Police Review Boards combined with this sort of monstrosity puts the negro in utter control, and like it not, as a race, and on the average, the negro is several million years closer to the jungle than those whom he hates. If this were not true he would have developed some industry, art, literature, commerce, SOMETHING during all the time he had to depend on his own ability, whilst other races in other nations, with only a fraction of the natural resources were developing to a point which the negro, by himself, STILL hasn't even approached.

What in heaven's name is wrong that supposedly intelligent men will betray everything their children and grandchildren might have hoped to attain . . . as you well know I detest these animal-like marches, but would I ever enjoy a chance to march into the offices of a few of those who are going along with this stuff . . . Bob, what the devil are these men thinking?

I've had it.

Sincere personal regards,


Clelland Cole

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