

creed. Here, whites and Negroes share common bonds and interests, from pride in their new homes to worries over their new mortgages.

Finally, it cannot be emphasized enough that the key to national unity rests where it always has in America's enduring values. It rests with the laws of our land and with private initiative, private enterprise and, quite frankly, with politics-as-usual.

The Kerner Commission's portrait of the typical counter-rioter proves this point. This was the person risking "injury and arrest to walk the streets urging rioters to 'cool it'.... His actions and his attitudes reflected his substantially greater stake in the social system; he was considerably better educated and more affluent than either the rioter or the noninvolved. He was somewhat more likely... to have been a migrant."

The counter-rioter represents individual responsibility and personifies the citizen regarded by American political philosophers from the time of Jefferson and Hamilton as the bulwark of the democratic system — a free man with a stake in society.

Permanent peace in our cities depends on the development of more counter-rioters. Peace depends not on the negative indictment of white racism or black power but the positive use of green power — the power of the purse.

Equally important is the development of grass root political organizations. A persistent theme throughout the Kerner Report is the failure of local government "to respond to the needs and problems of ghetto residents." The best way to assure rapid response is through the vote. While I am not advocating the resurrection of the old fashioned political machine, I cannot help but recall the successful force political organization provided waves of immigrants. These machines withered as the immigrants assimilated into the American mainstream.

Ultimate resolution rests with our system of free enterprise, good old American capitalism. I don't apologize for our materialistic success; it is the source of our strength. Basically, the rioters aren't condemning the system as much as seeking a piece of the action.

The Congress of Racial Equality recognized the force of private enterprise when, even as it lauded black nationalism, it adopted "economic development" of Negro-controlled businesses as its primary aim.