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to these provisions in your Constitution, and an opportunity comes and you turn your back on it, and you say it would be too inconvenient for business. What kind of stake does somebody like me have in a country that will treat me in this fashion to my face day after day in official and unofficial ways? If some ignoramus comes off the street young or old and makes a stupid foolish provocative remark, Senator Hefner, that can be handled between me and that person, but when the racism is institutionalized by the Legislature and is made a part of the governing structure of the state, then the state has placed itself in the position to violate my human rights, and what the Declaration of Independence says is that it's the right and duty of the people to alter...to abolish a government like that. Now suppose I took action to try to abolish this government. The first thing you want to do is say that I'm committing a crime, but you don't want to look at the provocation. During the war in Vietnam they didn't say that because you're black you can't go. We were there out of our proportion to our numbers in the population. They don't tell me I don't have to pay taxes because I don't enjoy the rights of a citizen. Every burdensome obligation and responsibility must be assumed by me and some that white people don't have to assume must be assumed by me. I can have laws imposed on me in a way that they're imposed and enforced on nobody else, and yet I'm supposed to be the one to love this country. I'm the one who is supposed to have tears come in his eyes when they sing God Bless America or the Star Spangled Banner. Then we come to the Legislature. This is the place, by the way just before I was elected, where a foolish old black man stood up and said, God made white people better than black people and put them in control, and the Legislature applauded him and I have the articles from three different news accounts where that happened, so I know what the attitude of the Legislature is, and there has been no class developed even since that terrible day. The only reason what happened this morning is an embarrassment to some of you is because it happened out in the open and was such a careful and close and precise reflection of how you actually feel, and you can say the words, any words you choose, yet actions are what you are judged by. So maybe what was speaking this morning was the alter ego of the Legislature. Now you can tell me what my place is, or what you think it ought to be, but you cannot keep me there, and if any of you who are younger who saw me walk out when that old man made that remark would want to try me and see what I'm made of, you try it. You make it an equal situation where it is you and me. If I sound bitter this morning, it's not