

Now, what have you got to say about those conclusions drawn by the Commission?

Mr. BLOCH. I say they are wrong, despite the fact that the three men, three of them you say are southerners. I think there was Governor Battle, the Governor of Florida, Collins, and Dean Storey—he is from Texas. He is no longer from the South. Texas is in the West now.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, what is your comment—

Mr. BLOCH. So there are only two southerners.

The CHAIRMAN. What is your comment on the following?

Mr. BLOCH. I don't agree with them, Mr. Chairman, seriously. I don't think they are justified.

The CHAIRMAN. You have the right to disagree.

Mr. BLOCH. I do not think those statements are justified. And I will never think they are justified until some Negroes who really want to vote apply to vote, and are turned down, and go through the State courts and see what the courts will do about it. And then we will talk about discrimination.

Mr. HOLTZMAN. Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question along the lines you have been asking?

Judge Bloch, do you say now that the Civil Rights Commission was in error, or misrepresented the facts, either or, in all these instances where they pointed out that Negroes were deprived of the right to register and vote?

Mr. BLOCH. I don't say that they misrepresented the facts.

Mr. HOLTZMAN. You say they are in error?

Mr. BLOCH. I say I think they came to the wrong conclusion. I did not use the word "misrepresent." I think that the Civil Rights Commission came to the wrong conclusion from the facts which may have been presented to them.

Mr. HOLTZMAN. Judge Bloch, I am asking about the facts upon which they predicated their conclusion. The schoolteacher incidents, and so on.

Do you say that those facts are in error?

Mr. BLOCH. I didn't say those facts were in error. I didn't say that. What I said was this, Mr. Holtzman. That if in one of the counties that the chairman asked me about, if there were 1,000 Negroes there, resident in the county, and there were only three registered to vote, that that does not of itself show any intentional discrimination on the part of the State of Georgia until one of those 997 has pursued his remedies through the State courts. That is what I said.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, Judge, on page 9 of your statement, you express the fear of what might commonly be termed as—

Mr. BLOCH. Whereabouts on page 9, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I am speaking generally. You express in general the fear that there might be appointments of carpetbaggers by the judges. I use the word "carpetbagger" for lack of a better term. Isn't that correct? Isn't that of concern to you?

Mr. BLOCH. I didn't know I had the word "carpetbagger" in here.

The CHAIRMAN. No, you didn't. I used the term, in my colloquy with Judge Walsh.