

Mr. ROOSEVELT. So that—I forget who it was this morning who said a general did not go into battle without making sure that all the various elements he had supporting the attack were working together. Does not this bill bring into battle against poverty that element of coordination?

MAYOR DALEY. Yes, it does.

Mr. MARTIN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Yes.

Mr. MARTIN. I am well aware that this committee is not an official committee of the Government, but I am also aware that sometimes things of this magnitude are purposely planned as trial balloons to see what the public reaction is before perhaps official stands or positions are taken, of which I am rather suspicious in this case.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. The gentleman may be suspicious but he has no evidence that this was set up as a trial balloon, does he?

Mr. MARTIN. I have a hunch; let us put it that way.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. I cannot stop the gentleman from having hunches.

Mr. LANDRUM. The gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. THOMPSON. You may have hunches, but I would not bet on those kinds of hunches.

Mayor, I got here late during your presentation, but I have had an opportunity during the last 20 minutes or so to read your statement. I would like to commend you, first, for the efforts you have made in Chicago and to commend you particularly for your statement in response to Mr. Frelinghuysen to the effect you want this program whether or not your city, which has a desperate need, gets any of it. You are not the first to have said this, but you demonstrate an understanding of the need. I think that probably the genesis of your attitude is that you realize that there is a great migration to Chicago from deprived areas elsewhere and if they get assistance you will get it.

MAYOR DALEY. That is right.

Mr. THOMPSON. I think it is very fortunate, from a personal point of view, that our friends on the other side have not been exposed to this grinding, miserable poverty, which exists in so many places. I think it is unfortunate, however, that they do not understand it. They seem not to be able to have any vicarious understanding of the poverty and the suffering of other people.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. A point of order, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure just what that remarks means.

Mr. THOMPSON. I will explain it.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. The Republicans on this committee have just as much understanding of the nature of poverty and the problem it presents. I would like to hear an explanation of that understanding from the gentleman.

Mr. LANDRUM. Will the gentlemen from New Jersey wash your dirty linen in private?

The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Thompson, is recognized.

Mr. THOMPSON. I was not aware there was any personal reference at all. I was making a general statement.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Chairman, if we may, I would like to have the statement reread.

Mr. THOMPSON. I would be delighted to.