

Mr. GARDNER. During the time they were being paid with Federal funds.

Mr. SHRIVER. Just a second. Let Mrs. Green speak.

Mrs. GREEN. We don't furnish funds to post office employees to go out and work in a campaign. I would think that it is kind of splitting hairs whether it is a partisan or nonpartisan. We have a mayor's race in Portland. I would be pretty upset if OEO funds were used to support one of the candidates. There, of course, we always try to elect a nonpartisan Democrat [laughter], but if OEO-financed workers were lined up with either candidate, it would seem to me to be a violation of the intent of the statute which we passed.

Do I understand you correctly that you do not consider the additional language we wrote into the war on poverty bill to be applicable and that you go by the Hatch Act? Is that what I understand you to say?

Mr. SHRIVER. No, what I am trying to say is, if the things you are saying were being done, they would be in violation of our rules and regulations. Therefore, we would be objecting to them as strongly as anybody else, and we have a pretty good record on that for 2 years, not only of objecting but enforcing.

In addition to that, what I am trying to say is that the facts are in dispute and the facts have been submitted to the Civil Service Commission, which is the agency of the U.S. Government which is supposed to render decisions when facts are in argument at any rate, so they have the job of determining what the true facts are on the basis of all the evidence.

The Congresswoman thinks certain facts are true; other people down there think that other facts are true. I am not saying she is wrong. All I am trying to say is we agree there should not be partisan politics. We do our best under our own rules to make sure that it doesn't happen.

Mrs. GREEN. This is the point.

Mr. SHRIVER. Political, leave "partisan" out of it, political activity.

Mr. GARDNER. Will you yield for a minute?

You seem to hang your whole argument on what I have brought out in Durham, N.C., and I may—may I say I think it is going on elsewhere in the United States, and I only point out Durham because I know something personally about it.

You indicated in a letter to me and a conversation that we had that these activities that I have pointed out of copying registration lists and various other things were completely all right, because this was a nonpartisan election.

Mr. SHRIVER. In the first place, I didn't say that in the letter.

Mr. ESCH. Just for the record since the facts are in dispute, Mr. Shriver, I would like to request at this point that you make a survey to determine (1) to what degree and (2) in what specific areas, voter registration activity has taken place in each of the CAP programs throughout the country.

Mr. SHRIVER. Fine. I will be glad to do that.

(The information requested follows:)