

we are here so there are no misunderstandings when we leave this chamber.

Mrs. GREEN. It seems to me it would make the record more complete if either you or Mr. Clancy would read the editorial as you started to do a few moments ago.

Mr. THOMPSON. Would the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. GREEN. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. My unanimous-consent request was that the witness have the opportunity to read any or all of whatever he had. He had said earlier that he was paraphrasing it. I wanted him to have the opportunity to take his choice, to synthesize; if that is the proper word, or to read it in full, but that the record include the entire correspondence and any newspaper clippings and editorials that he had. It was in no way an attempt to silence the witness.

Mrs. GREEN. I don't think there is any person in the room who is not aware of what has been said and what has been done in the last half hour, so Mr. Chairman, I would renew my request that he read the editorial he started to read.

Mr. HELD. I would first like to say, Mr. Thompson, I wasn't trying trickery. I should know a little better because I am on committees myself.

Mr. THOMPSON. I didn't mean that you were.

Mr. HELD. Just so we understand each other.

Mr. THOMPSON. You read a letter from a priest and you said in the course of reading it that you weren't reading every bit of it.

Mr. HELD. You are correct.

Mr. THOMPSON. I simply wanted you to have the opportunity.

Mr. HELD. I appreciate it.

Mr. THOMPSON. To have the whole thing in the record and not to be silenced. Was it your impression that I was trying to silence you?

Mr. HELD. No, sir; in no way.

Mr. THOMPSON. Thank you.

Mr. HELD. Dated July 14, 1967, Cincinnati Enquirer, lead editorial:

THE POVERTY PROBE IS NEEDED

Despite any anguished cries of "Preposterous!" and "Smoke Screen!" that have arisen from some quarters over the forthcoming congressional investigation of the manner in which the anti-poverty program is being administered in Cincinnati we believe such an investigation, properly intended and conducted, will have good results.

And these could apply both to those persons for whose benefit the program is designed and the taxpayers whose money is being expended.

One would get the impression from some of the reactions of those opposed to the probe that a witch-hunt is about to be launched. We firmly believe such is not the case.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, agreed to make the field hearings following a request by Cincinnati's Republican Rep. Donald Clancy. Mr. Clancy said he made the request at the suggestion of Councilman John E. Held.

At the moment, at least one other city, Phoenix, Ariz., is on the committee's schedule for a similar inquiry. There may be others, according to the committee's ranking Republican, Rep. William Ayres of Akron, who said other large cities may well request reviews.

Representative Perkins' committee currently is considering a request for \$3 billion in antipoverty funds, and it seems beyond argument that their efforts would be enhanced by gleaning information on how the program is working in various American cities.