

the words of Conant long before this in terms of social dynamite that was ready to explode in our American cities.

I think it is tragic that this Congress voted down the bill for rat extermination. I could talk at some length on that and I don't agree with the priorities which we set as a Congress or as a Nation, the administration, I would place the NASA space programs, the super-sonic airliner, as a much lower priority than priorities on education and poverty programs. There would be some specific points on that on which I would differ with you.

On page 7 you have made a couple of statements that I think might be based although not necessarily—there have been various reports in the press about cynical attempts to create doubt and fear in the role on poverty and the aftermath of violence and disorder.

There was an executive session of this committee a week ago and I think one reporter perhaps was called in on that unfortunately, by either another member of the committee, or a staff person and the impression was given and I think very erroneously that members of the committee might be interested in exploiting the situation. So lest you view any doubts about the intent of this committee at that time in the executive session last Tuesday, if the gentleman from Ohio is here, and I hope he will not object to my reading some of the minutes of the executive session and since it was executive the reporter who wrote the article had no way of knowing firsthand what went on in this session and I have asked the chairman for permission to read these paragraphs.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I have no objection to this procedure, but we do have committee rules and regulations about what transpires in executive session. If the committee wants to change those rules it is all right with me.

Mr. AYRES. Would the gentleman yield?

Mrs. GREEN. I did go to the chairman and ask for permission since an erroneous report was issued. I asked permission to read a couple of comments.

I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. AYRES. I think the gentlewoman from Oregon is very much in order because someone on this committee broke the rule.

Chairman PERKINS. I have already ruled that she can read the article.

Mr. AYRES. Let's let the gentleman from Illinois withdraw his statement then.

Mr. PUCINSKI. There are committee rules——

Mrs. GREEN. If I have the floor——

Mr. PUCINSKI. I would not withdraw that statement. I will abide by committee rules and the gentleman knows what committee rules are in executive session.

Mr. AYRES. The gentleman knows someone on this committee, and it was not the chairman, broke the rules so we have to clarify the rules that somebody broke. I agree with Mr. Kelly if we are going to have a press conference, let's have a press conference and give it to everyone.

Mrs. GREEN. It would be difficult for any columnist not in attendance to know what happens.