

It seems to me you could get a hell of a lot better proof that the—

Mr. KELLY. I didn't say there are a lot of Oregon kids stigmatized—

Mrs. GREEN. If somebody in Kentucky has rotten teeth, he is stigmatized. My daughter has to—

Mr. GARDNER. I am concerned with the stigmatism. I want to bring up something that Mrs. Green brought up. I share the concern of everyone. I was quite impressed with parts of Mr. Shriver's testimony today, but I was not impressed at all by the way you try to whitewash the political activities of OEO.

Let's go back to Newark, N.J. I went to Newark. I had the opportunity of spending 4½ hours with the police director of the city of Newark, and may I say for the record he is not very thrilled with the performance of OEO funded programs in the city of Newark.

I think it would speak well of this committee if we have this gentleman come down and have the other side of the story.

We have been sitting here for 6 weeks hearing your side of the story.

Chairman PERKINS. Get him here tomorrow and we will hear him.

Mr. GARDNER. I will call him tonight and try to get him down here.

Chairman PERKINS. We will hear him.

Mr. GARDNER. You have pushed aside very lightly, and I will read for the record, on May 25, which was exactly prior to the riots breaking out in Newark, the police director sent you an urgent telegram in which he said, "Acceleration of this kind of practice by this antipoverty agency will undoubtedly lead to riots and anarchy in our city." This to me from a person in his position would certainly warrant immediate attention.

It took you 3 weeks to answer this telegram. When I talked to him he was completely down on the poverty program, and on you, Mr. Shriver, because of the complete lack of interest you had shown him.

You sent him a letter, and he said your vehicles had been used to agitate against the planning board, and you denied this. You said they were being used to carry chairs.

I have an affidavit from the police lieutenant who followed this vehicle all day long, asking for people to come out at a mass rally that night.

The same thing happened at Durham, N.C. I have checked into this—

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say this to the gentleman. Let's not argue but just put the question to the witness and let him answer. If you want to make a speech, go ahead.

Mr. GARDNER. May I say, we have been hearing speeches for 6 weeks in praise of Mr. Shriver. It is almost like a mutual admiration society, and when any criticism is brought up, it seems to rub people wrong, but I think they—

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead, and criticize the program, but put your question.

Mr. GARDNER. I am criticizing it now, but in Newark, N.J., and I think in answering Mr. Daniel's remarks—he very casually said remarks were made by people who drifted around the program, but were not employees.

We have sworn testimony from the poverty employees from Newark,