

and had your investigators taken time to visit with Mr. Spina, the police chief, they would have found the same thing.

Mrs. Green made a very important point. No, your people are not involved in the actual riots. You went to great lengths to present these figures of the number of arrests. The number of arrests of the total people involved was almost nil.

The important thing is that you people are agitating the poor sections of our cities, Newark for a prime example, and Durham, N.C., to go out and demonstrate against the authorized authority in that city, and what happens, it gets out of hand.

This happened in Newark, N.J.

Now, again, I go back at what I asked you several weeks ago when you were before this committee.

Don't you think that the political activity on the part of OEO is a very dangerous thing, and in fact I think hurts the poverty program in general.

You went to great lengths in your testimony today to defend the poverty program against political charges. If you have no political activities in your agencies, you wouldn't have to defend it.

Do you think it serves the interests of the Nation after what happened in Durham, N.C., using your vehicles to a mass meeting, and as a result the National Guard was called out?

Do you think that it serves the interests of the people to be involved in political activity?

Mr. SHRIVER. I would like you to think, though I don't think I am going to get you to think that I am as interested in these questions as you are—

Mr. GARDNER. I believe that, but there are many things going on that you can't get your finger on because you have 1,050 of these going on throughout the United States.

Mr. SHRIVER. The last Congress was interested in that, and that is why they put into the bill last year the provision about antirioters and why it was amended to cover from the Hatch Act the overall employees and so on.

I also admit that I have on a number of occasions, as I have today, that we can't police every minute everywhere in the United States, but we do have the benefit that the newspapers are watching these things very clearly, as you are, and all your friends are, so by and large I think it is fair to say that there has been a minimum of any kind of political activity in these programs around the country, certainly nothing to do with partisan political politics.

Let me say one other thing, please. There is a qualitative difference, I believe, between the charge which some people seem to make that OEO employees were actually creating riots or inciting people to riots. There is a difference between that issue and politics.

Now what I was addressing myself to in these charts was not the issue of politics that you are so concerned about. I was trying to address myself to the issue of whether or not OEO employees, the direct ones or indirect ones, were actually contributing to inflaming people in riots, or participating in riots.

I am not saying you made that charge, don't misunderstand me, but it did appear some places that some people thought that.