

Mr. SHRIVER. Thank you. I am glad I am. If I had the other attitude, maybe I wouldn't even be able to help here.

But it is possible to have people predict something and have people say, "What you are trying to do is causing a riot."

We have VISTA volunteers, who are by and large decent American youngsters, to go in a moderate way to a city council, or even a local political leader, and say, "Listen, you know there is real trouble down here in this place. If you don't do something about it, there is going to be a very good chance something will blow up."

The guy to whom it is said says, "That guy is threatening me."

He isn't actually threatening him. He is trying to say what is going to happen. It depends a great deal on the way a person reacts. I sat as the president of a board of education in Chicago for a time, who said a lot of things inflammatory—

Mr. GARDNER. Were they Government employees?

Mr. SHRIVER. Yes, sir.

I have had union organizers in a board of education meeting say they would close every school in Chicago, they wouldn't give anybody any lunch. "We will throw everybody out of school, we will close the school system up."

I could have taken the attitude that these guys were trying to close the school system up. I think they were bargaining very aggressively.

I am not saying they were right or wrong, but somebody could have said they were inciting the employees to a strike.

Again, I am not trying to condone this case in particular, don't misunderstand me. We have, as I testified here earlier, we have had inspectors up in Newark and so has the State of New Jersey, up, at any rate, until recently the inspections made by the State people in New Jersey, who are not connected with us at all, corroborated what we had learned earlier.

Now, maybe they were wrong. I am not saying they were wrong or that we weren't wrong. What I am saying is that it was also an honest difference of opinion that these statements were not made for the purpose of creating a riot.

Mr. GARDNER. I could probably go along with your line of thinking had not the same situation developed numerous times in Newark prior to its development on the date of the riot.

We have a copy of a handbill passed out throughout these areas in Newark. It says, "Stop police brutality. Come out and join us at the mass rally tonight at 7:30."

The rally was held in front of the fourth precinct.

Here is a police memorandum that identifies seven CUU workers who were protesting and involved in this thing.

What I am saying, Mr. Shriver, is that there cannot be so much smoke and not be fire there. These people turn up repeatedly at every demonstration prior to the major riots. These are people who were in positions of leadership in the poverty areas.

Chairman PERKINS. Let Mr. Shriver respond.

Mr. SHRIVER. All I want to say is that we have done everything we know how to do administratively to prevent anybody directly or indirectly being financed by us from inciting people to riot or participating in riots.