

Mr. GARDNER. The incitement that these various agency people had been doing leading up to the riots was reportedly because of police brutality.

We have the pamphlet they passed out asking the people to come to the meeting. I think our colleague from Michigan has brought out a very fine point.

There is a fine line between an individual operating—as he certainly can as a citizen of the United States—but I also think there is a very fine difference between an agency of the Federal Government going into local communities, upsetting the routine of the local communities and agitating these people to go out and protest in various ways.

Mr. PUCINSKI. I presume Mr. Spina will be prepared to identify these people?

Mr. GARDNER. He already has.

I will again go back and refer to his telegram. I did not send the telegram, he did. He certainly did not mince any words.

Mr. PUCINSKI. The telegram made clear that there was a telegram sent last May to Mr. Shriver and adequately answered this question.

The question that I want to know now and I am presuming if Mr. Spina is called by the gentleman as a witness he will be prepared to tell us if any poverty people actually participated in the riot.

I think Mr. Shriver made clear what happened last May. I want to know if any agency people were involved now.

Mr. GARDNER. I think we should clear this up for the record. Mr. Spina never said and I have never heard anyone say people participated in the riots. He said they did damaging things that lead up to an explosive situation.

Mr. PUCINSKI. As I said earlier, I don't want anything to be concealed here. I want to go to the floor with this bill and I want everything there.

Mr. GARDNER. I hope Mr. Spina will be here tomorrow.

Mr. PUCINSKI. This committee has a responsibility to look at all of the facts and I want those facts.

Mr. GARDNER. I agree with you.

Mr. PUCINSKI. The impression I got from the earlier exchange was that Mr. Spina had indicated that there were people who were passing out literature at the time of the riot.

Mr. GARDNER. It was just prior to the riots.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Now it is my understanding that you are saying all of this occurred some time before and Mr. Spina never said that there were OEO people actually participating in the rioting itself.

Now what the the facts?

Mr. GARDNER. What they did, for many many months they made inflammatory statements and I quote Mr. Spina on that, that led up to the dangerous situation. The community action program in Newark called a mass meeting in front of a precinct station and passed out literature protesting police brutality on the day the riots broke out that night.

From this mass meeting the riots started.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Is our colleague going to try to have this witness here?

Mr. GARDNER. Yes, plus two city councilmen from the city of Newark.