

say I am taking this out of context. I am here to try to straighten this out if I can. I am not here in criticism of the entire program because there are many, many good points to this, but certainly, if I did not come here and try to express what I know to be so I would not be acting in the best interests of my own conscience.

This is the speech given by a Mr. Harry Wheeler at the special board meeting held on June 26 of 1967. It goes on and makes many, many statements but the statement that I alluded to—I am simply saying to you—

Mr. PUCINSKI. Would the witness identify Mr. Wheeler?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Mr. Harry Wheeler is a teacher in our school system. He was a teacher at one time and he is on the PAL agency now which is an agency funded through the UCC.

I assume everyone knows the UCC in the city of Newark—it is the umbrella agency from which all of the moneys flow to the different subagencies.

Mr. Harry Wheeler is employed by the PAL program. I believe his title is program evaluator for UCC.

Chairman PERKINS. It was a local board that approved him—a local board of the UCC—that approved the appointment of this gentleman that you referred to?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. He is appointed by UCC.

Mr. DEFINO. That was the one appointment that UCC had to make and those chose Mr. Wheeler and the other positions had to be filled by the board, but you are correct, that was the only position.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. It is two pages and I just want to read the type of statement that certainly does not lend to the tranquillity of a community.

"I am simply saying to you that when blood runs thick don't come to Harry Wheeler and ask him why because the reasons will be the actions you take in concert on tomorrow night"—which was supposed to be the vote taken for the secretaryship of the board of education which never really came off because they couldn't contain the crowd or anything else.

I think that this type of statement and others such as—"We will stop the bulldozers in the medical center and laying down in front of them and giving our lives if need be."

The constant jumping up and down and agitating and bringing about a fervor in the audience which was certainly not conducive to harmony.

Mr. DENT. You say that this Wheeler was a schoolteacher at one time?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Yes; he is. I believe he is on leave of absence.

Mr. DENT. Do you know whether or not he was personally interested in the person who was named or was about to be named as secretary of the school board?

Did he know him to your knowledge or have any relationship with him in any way?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. This would have to be his judgment. I couldn't make a decision as to what he had in mind.

Mr. DENT. Was he acting as an individual protesting this appointment because of his connection with the school system or did he come