

Mr. THOMPSON. Would the gentleman yield at this point?

Mr. ESHLEMAN. Can the witness continue talking without being rudely interrupted?

Chairman PERKINS. Everyone will have a chance to question the witness.

Mr. BERNSTEIN. This is nonpartisan. As a matter of fact you might like to know that Councilman Addonizio is a Democrat and I am a Republican and we are both for the poverty program but we have criticisms on the way the Community Action program phase of it is run.

We are trying to show you now and trying to develop this.

Now, what has happened here as these political ones stayed out, they did not win. They were in the poverty program, or involved in the program prior the election.

Those that ran for office temporarily took a leave of absence, one was a vice president, Mr. Gibson; Mr. Harris was a trustee. There was a Mr. Kervin, head of the personnel committee.

These represent what I would call now the radical faction that is trying to take over the political structure in the city of Newark come 1970.

Mr. PUCINSKI. What has all of this got to do with the poverty program?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Give me a chance to tell you. I can't do it in two words. I have to develop it for you. They need issues to stay in front of the public just like an elected official needs issues or newspaper copy for projection to show the people what he is doing. These people are trying to show what they are trying to do and they are willing to go as far as almost destroying the city of Newark to accomplish this.

Now, what has happened is that they have looked for those issues and they have found a number of them in the last few months.

They found the medical center thing and they found the board of education appointment. As pictured here and we can submit this as evidence, and Mr. Wheeler is not in this picture but his shoulder is and the other one is Mr. Gibson—sometimes the truth is funny but it is here.

Mr. Richardson is in this picture, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Higgins, an employee. They were at the front of the council chambers where the hearing was held and they were directing this thing.

Chairman PERKINS. Let's have order. This all evolves around the statement that Wheeler made here. As I understand, Mr. Addonizio, you stated he was not an employee of the poverty board at the time the statement was made and furthermore, you stated that he was representing—he was very much interested in a certain secretary for the local school board—

Mr. ASHBROOK. Male or female?

Chairman PERKINS. The man he was interested in was not approved for the local school board; is that correct?

I am addressing that question to Mr. Addonizio because that is the way I understood his response, that the gentleman who made the statement that you inserted in the record was not an employee of the local poverty board or not an employee at all of the poverty program and that he was interested in a candidate or an applicant for the secretaryship of the local school board and that did not come about.