

Mr. ADDONIZIO. It is my understanding that he was involved in another program last year.

Mr. GOODELL. But he was not at the time he made the speech and subsequently he was appointed to what?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. He is with the PAL program.

Mr. GOODELL. That occurred after he made the speech?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Shortly thereafter, a week later or so.

Mr. GOODELL. In other words, it is your allegation that this speech contributed to the riot atmosphere, the tinder box, if you will, in Newark and subsequently the man who made the speech was hired by the poverty organization?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Congressman, I am saying this, and I don't mean to play on words or get involved in semantics because I realize that there are politics in this. There is just no question about that, but if all of us, regardless of our party affiliation, are interested in strengthening this program, we must admit to ourselves that you as a Congressman making a statement cannot make the statement and then say no, Mr. Goodell, made it.

Mr. Goodell is a Congressman or he is involved. Now, Mr. Wheeler has always been involved in the antipoverty program in Newark. Many of his friends are involved in the program and speeches of this type—and I wish that you would take the time to read it—by many, many people set the climate, set the atmosphere, set the catalyst in motion that at the proper time explodes.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. Goodell asked for recognition to ask what ground rules we were going to have, and now he is proceeding with a line of questioning.

I ask, Mr. Chairman, whether you yielded your time; if not, I would appreciate your using it under a 5-minute rule and then each of us can have an opportunity to address ourselves to this problem.

Mr. GOODELL. Would the gentleman yield?

I agree and I do apologize. I got interested and tried to get the facts straight. But do we agree, I think we do, on both sides that this is what we are after. On the ground rules, too, they ought to limit themselves to statements that do tie into the poverty program?

Mr. SCHEUER. Were the poverty people on the program directly involved?

Chairman PERKINS. We will operate under the 5-minute rule.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Thompson.

Mr. THOMPSON. Do you, Mr. Addonizio, or Mr. Bernstein, think because a person is employed under the poverty program he loses his constitutional right to speak, or his constitutional right to object, or his constitutional right to peacefully protest?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Of course not, Congressman. I don't believe that anyone is a second-class citizen. However, all of us must be mindful of the fact that if we hold a certain position in our community, the remarks that we make do bear directly on the responsibilities we hold.

If an individual has a position in an antipoverty agency and he makes remarks which others will look up to because of his position in a community, I think this is not quite right.

Mr. THOMPSON. Must that person agree with your position?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Of course not.