

had to approve the request of the urban renewal agency in the city of Newark to apply for Federal funds for the medical center.

It was an emergency meeting and the request was being handled by resolution, which normally does not allow for speakers. The city council president broke the rule to keep the peace and quiet, you might say, and allowed, I think, 23 of these individuals to speak.

Once again your staff is up in Newark now and they have been advised of this and they are checking into those tapes. We have verbatim tapes of what was said. Some of the remarks were what you might call threatening. I think Mr. Curvin, who is a trustee, head of the personnel committee, and you can understand how important a position this is, unpaid, making statements they will not allow under any circumstances regardless of what has to be done to allow this medical center to be built.

If I recall correctly, bloodshed was once again threatened. It seems to be the same basic core of individuals who are involved in any incident or any situation that could create an incident in the city of Newark.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Thompson?

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Bernstein, on what date was this meeting before the city council where the president allowed the 23 people to speak?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. I don't recall the date offhand. It was before the riots.

Mr. THOMPSON. Before the riots?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. That is right.

Mr. THOMPSON. Was there any violence at this meeting?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. There was a gathering of a crowd before the speaker's rostrum when the city clerk objected to the fact that they should speak because they legally did not have the right to speak. How far they would have gone if the council—Mr. Valvanni did not tell them to speak, I do not know.

Mr. THOMPSON. But he allowed them to speak?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Yes, he violated our rules and allowed them to speak, to keep peace.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Mallard, as I understand it, you are the human relations man for Director Spina; is that correct?

Mr. MALLARD. No, sir.

Mr. THOMPSON. You are a detective?

Mr. MALLARD. Yes, sir.

Mr. THOMPSON. You displayed some photographs earlier taken in June and in May before the riots. What did you take these pictures for?

Mr. MALLARD. These pictures were taken by our records bureau. We take pictures of all demonstrations. This has been our policy with Director Spina, for the police department to photograph demonstrations.

Mr. THOMPSON. That is reasonable enough.

Now, in the June 24 incident when a picture was taken and in the May 1 meeting, was there any physical violence in either of those demonstrations?

Mr. MALLARD. No, sir.

Mr. THOMPSON. Did these pictures serve in any way to indicate to you that there might be some trouble brewing?