

We of this committee support this endeavor.

Which is the UCC antipoverty program.

On the other hand, we are mindful of the dangers implicit in the program and unless these dangers are anticipated and provided for, this program can end in disaster and frustration for the thousands of Newarkers who are in need of its promise.

We speak of the financial scandals that can follow from the use of free and easy money. We speak of the jealousies and antagonisms that can embitter the outs for the ins, the senseless rivalries engendered by salary discrepancies. We speak of the hostilities generated by the new bureaucracy in striving for recognition.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. May I ask that the gentleman be permitted to complete his statement.

Mr. ADDONIZIO (continues reading) :

We refer to the lack of communication and understanding when there is communication and, most important, we talk of the striving and seeking for political power financed with Federal funds which can stir up house against house and neighbor against neighbor.

This report was written in December of 1965. Many of the things that we mention in our report—and again I can't reemphasize this too much—it is certainly my intention to strengthen this legislation so that certain problems which were created in the past cannot come about.

One of the areas that I think you gentlemen should certainly look into is the creation of a Hatch Act so that those that become involved in this program are like Caesar's wife, beyond reproach. Once they become involved, they know that certain of their remarks and so on must be controlled.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Goodell?

Mr. GOODELL. I think what this committee is interested in is evidence of what we would consider to be illegal action by people who are on the poverty payroll or activities by them that contribute significantly to the conditions that lead to a riot.

I personally feel, that if the person on the poverty payroll urges or encourages rioting or violence at any time, that this is wrong.

I think, if such an individual, who has urged people to solve their problems by rioting and violence, is hired by the poverty program, within a short time after making those statements, this is wrong.

You had pictures there. It is obvious to me there has been a very great controversy swirling around two or three local issues which pitted the poverty agency, UCC, against the administration of the city of Newark. Pictures of poverty employees at what Mr. Mallard called demonstrations are not necessarily indicative that they were doing anything wrong. They could be there to cool the situation. They could be there to heat the situation.

I would like your comments. Apparently you feel they were there heating the situation, contributing to something that led to the riot in Newark, but it has not come through very clearly. Just the fact that they help people demonstrate against something they felt was wrong does not move very many of us very far.

Can you clarify this at all?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Congressman, your investigators, both those that came to Newark when Congressman Clayton Powell was the chairman