

that such practices be ordered to desist immediately. This was in regard to the antipoverty workers agitating the poor.

To continue, in his telegram to Mr. Shriver, Mr. Spina said :

I strongly protest the use of resources and manpower from the United Community Corporation, an agency of the Office of Economic Opportunity, for the purpose of fomenting and agitating against the order and democratic government of the City of Newark. Some UCC employees have told us they have been threatened with loss of their jobs if they do not participate in picketing and demonstrations against agencies of the government for the City of Newark.

Yesterday, Mr. Shriver was here in person and gave testimony and in his testimony he mentioned that during the worst days and nights 30 Neighborhood Youth Corps cadets worked 12 hours a day, manning communications systems, and so forth.

The remark made by Police Commissioner Dominick Spina was that they were magnificent. How on May 25 could he find such danger involved in regard to the activities of OEO workers and in regard to their participating in agitating the poor and then turn around a short time later, about a month and a half later, and commend these people for help?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. The police cadet program we have is perhaps funded through the UCC umbrella organization, but is run by the city, just as the Neighborhood Youth Corps and the Headstart and the preschool program is run independently. We are talking about the community action program, the neighborhood board, and central staff, so this could be very much so.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Chairman, I would like to yield the remaining portion of my time to my colleague from North Carolina, Mr. Gardner.

Mr. GARDNER. I would like to address my remarks to all four of the gentlemen and go back up and pick up a point my colleague from New Jersey, Mr. Thompson, dwelled on at some length and, that is, individuals employed in the poverty program or any other Government agency have the right as any American citizen has to go out and demonstrate. This has been brought up repeatedly before this committee and I think it needs to be thoroughly investigated.

It is my understanding in talking with Director Spina and others in Newark that the employees of the UCC program there actually went a great deal beyond actual participation in demonstrations, and I cite examples, that at UCC meetings, areas of protests were actively discussed by the leadership of the UCC.

Then they not only participated in the demonstrations, but they were actually talking at community meetings sponsored by the UCC, telling people in these slum areas that they needed to go out and protest the hospital example.

Also I think it is quite interesting to follow the pattern of events that we have been discussing here at some length, the protest movement that was going on of the hospital and the selection of a secretary to a school board and various other meetings.

I think it is most interesting that the riots actually started from a UCC-called meeting. I would like verification from you gentlemen also that the riots were actually sparked off at a UCC meeting called on the night of July 12, at which pamphlets were distributed throughout the area asking people to attend a mass meeting to protest police brutality.