

Mr. Mallard, how many members do you have on the police force in Newark?

Mr. MALLARD. I could not give you the exact figure.

Mr. HAWKINS. Just give me a rough figure, please.

Mr. MALLARD. 1,300 or 1,400.

Mr. HAWKINS. How many of these are Negroes?

Mr. MALLARD. I wouldn't know because we don't make any account of how many are Negroes, how many are white.

Mr. HAWKINS. You have no regard to race, creed, or nationality in Newark at all?

Mr. MALLARD. No.

Mr. HAWKINS. It just so happens that about a majority of the total citizens are Negro, are they not?

Do you know whether or not a majority or less than a majority of your city is Negro?

Mr. MALLARD. I wouldn't have any idea. It is rumored to be 50 percent or a little better.

Mr. HAWKINS. You are on the police force yourself, I assume?

Mr. MALLARD. Yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. Mr. Chairman, I see it is a waste of time to interrogate witnesses because it seems to me this hearing itself is typical of why people are rioting.

It seems that while there are distinct problems in cities, individuals are not talking about the problems, they are not talking about the unemployment rate and the slums, and I have seen them in Newark myself and they are not talking about the fact that the city is changing in its composition and yet apparently the city officials do not reflect this change in condition.

It seems to me—

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Do I have the right of personal privilege to ask the Congressman to explain that?

Mr. HAWKINS. I have time—

Chairman PERKINS. The gentleman from California has the floor.

Mr. HAWKINS. It seems that while we have distinct problems in the area of race relations there are individuals who are more concerned about trying to keep those—whom I assume in this instance are Negroes in their city—out of the real representation of their city government and then while they have problems in those schools, the fact that de facto segregation is just as bad in Newark as any place in America and nobody is talking about that and yet we have individuals coming down here to Washington to talk about a few people expressing their constitutional rights and opposing this, and it does seem to me that while we do have these conditions developing and certainly of an explosive nature, there are individuals who want to fiddle around with the poverty program. Yet, they wonder why people do become disturbed or are in despair.

Just for the sake of the record, may I offer a document which was circulated in my own area by what is called the neighborhood adult participation project, which is one of the projects financed under the poverty program of a group which this last weekend in the area of Venice, in the city of Los Angeles, was called on by the police in a situation which might have erupted into a riot.