

They called on this antipoverty group to quell a crowd of about 500 and they did an excellent job. I think the record should indicate a very excellent example of what some of the people in the poverty program are actually doing.

I would like for the sake of the record to have this included as a part of our record today because I think it is a wholesome contrast to the attitude of some of the things that have gone on in another American city where apparently the people are not aware of what is happening in their own city.

I think it is most unfortunate that we don't have a hearing on the poverty bill and get that out of the House as soon as possible and not fiddle around listening to some of the complaints that I and the others have heard today of individuals who apparently don't know the causes for riots and disturbances in our American cities.

Chairman PERKINS. We will insert into our record at this point, without objection, the document to which Mr. Hawkins has just referred.

(The document referred to follows:)

WHAT WILL WE GAIN FROM A RIOT?

Ten points why NAPP says keep "cool" this summer

1. Many black persons will be shot down in the streets.
2. Many persons will lose their jobs.
3. Parents will not be able to move about freely going and coming from work.
4. Homes will be searched and ransacked.
5. Helicopters tear gas, and bullets will be used to disperse crowds.
6. A vast number of persons will be jailed and convicted of crimes.
7. Businesses will not be open to provide food and other necessary items.
8. Soldiers will be called in to occupy our neighborhoods.
9. Many mothers and fathers will be hurt or killed in an effort to protect their children.
10. The damage that will be done in a riot will be done to you, your family, and your neighborhood.

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DEAR FRIEND: As an adult and a responsible person the Neighborhood Adult Participation Project feels that you share, along with the rest of us, an enormous concern for maintaining a cool summer and lessening the possibility of a riot; therefore, we are asking you to join us in a mouth to mouth conversation with your neighbors and the many persons that frequent your business.

The effects of a riot would be disastrous for our community. Many innocent persons would be the victim of violence, most of it would be inflicted upon community people. Persons would lose the freedom to come in and out of the community. In many cases people would lose access to their own homes. Our community would become a battle field arrayed with tanks and guns, and occupied by policemen and National Guardsmen.

We realize the frustrations, restlessness, and weariness of the people in our community. We are all searching for a way out but the way out must not be that of a suicide. We must explain to our friends and neighbors that law enforcement agencies are prepared to do whatever is necessary to prevent another August 1965. We know that law enforcement officers will not hesitate to "shoot to kill". Regardless of what depth our frustrations might run we are powerless in the face of tanks and machine guns in a riotous situation; Hiding behind boxes or on roof tops with pea shooters and gas filled bottles.

We must exert every effort to inform the community of what the true picture really is and ask members of our community not to bring this holocaust and disaster down upon our heads. We are asking you to "make it a point" to talk to your customers and friends. "Tell em like it is."