

As a matter of fact he has been accused by the white community as having gone overboard in helping the Negro community.

Mr. ESCH. What you are suggesting is in spite of this there were some individuals—

Mr. ADDONIZIO. That could never be placated, of course.

Mr. ESCH. You have identified people with the OEO program as those who have attempted to create unrest and you have also directed your attention to the fact that there were individuals involved in this from far extremes in terms of political philosophy.

Chairman PERKINS. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mrs. MINK?

Mrs. MINK. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

These are questions which I feel need to be answered in order for this committee to have an adequate understanding of the administration of the poverty program in Newark. I would appreciate it if you would confine your remarks to as brief a response as possible.

First of all, how does a person become a member of the UCC in your city?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Just by joining.

Mrs. MINK. Who determines whether a person shall be a member of this 105-member organization?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. The trustees are established by OEO regulations and are elected by the membership at large which meets once a year and there are some 10,000 members at large.

When we call a meeting I think maybe we get out 150 people and they elect.

Mrs. MINK. The 10,000 members that you mention—how are these people selected for membership? You said they just join?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Anybody who works or lives in the city of Newark is eligible to be a member by filling out a simple application. There is no cost.

Mrs. MINK. Without regard to whether they are poor or live in the poor districts?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Right.

Mrs. MINK. What efforts are made by the organization to make sure that the 10,000 people who do join actually do participate in the election of the trustees?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Prior to a meeting they receive a card or a letter informing them that there is going to be a meeting and what topics of discussion will be on the agenda.

I think this is a yearly meeting.

Mr. DEFINO. And also telephone calls are made for the same purpose.

Mrs. MINK. Of your 105-member board to which you refer as trustees on the board, is this number determined by the organization itself or is this specified by the office in Washington?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. I think originally it was determined by guidelines from the OEO by the UCC and then the OEO stepped in to get it more representative of government and the poor and expanded it.

Mrs. MINK. Once the 105-member board has been elected by the membership, what quorum requirements are in effect in order for the board to meet and to take legal action?