

Mr. BERNSTEIN. If the area board has been forced upon a particular section of the city of Newark as it has, then I think everybody should have the right to vote for the officers of it.

I don't know how you would define poor. As I understand it there are certain OEO guidelines of \$3,000 for so many in the family. I think this would be very hard to prove except if you limited your membership to people on public welfare.

Mrs. MINK. Do you have anything to add to that, Mr. Addonizio?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. One of the problems, you as an elected official for office campaign among your constituency, going around, meeting many people, and some of the people whom you may meet are not aware who their representative is and some, unfortunately—and they have this right not to be concerned—during the recent riots in Newark, I rode in the lead car with Councilman Bernstein, Director Spina, his chauffeur, and the following car was Governor Hughes touring the area to ascertain exactly what the damages were.

Time after time our car was stopped by the chauffeur and we got out to stop the looting—the looting was going on while the Governor was watching it happen.

Mrs. MINK. If you would respond to my question, I would appreciate it.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Unfortunately, many of these problems don't lend themselves to easy answers and certainly the Congress of the United States cannot solve today's problems with yesterday's solutions, so you must have a background of what the situation is.

This is the point I want to make. In one of the stores that we blocked because of the number of looters in it, there were numbers of people that I spoke to asking them why did they do this. They couldn't tell us who the mayor of the city of Newark was or who their councilman was—

Mrs. MINK. I am sorry to interrupt but I would like to reiterate my question to you: Would you support or oppose a suggestion that provided for the regular elections of legal residents in poor communities to the area boards?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Only if orientation courses were given and actual door-to-door solicitation was made to these poor people to indicate to them just what their rights are—

Mrs. MINK. Would you make that same requirement for your own election?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. In my own election I have my own canvassers that go out and do this and I am sure you do, too, but many of these people are fearful. Many of them have come up from down South and they are afraid.

Whenever they hear Government or police or so on they walk away. Now, how to get these people involved from a practical point of view is the problem.

It is not an easy problem.

Mr. THOMPSON. We have learned some very interesting things from these gentlemen today and I thank them. I understand their purpose was to demonstrate to us participation in the riots—

Mr. ESHLEMAN. The chairman informs me these remarks are on my time. I have sat here patiently. I have 5 minutes and I would like to use them.