

between Federal, State, and local levels and the public and the private sectors as well.

The incidents of the last month have occurred with OEO present.

However, there is no real casual relationship shown, I think, except that it does illustrate that OEO to this date, either because of improper structure or because of a lack of funds, has not been totally effective in curing the problem facing us to date.

This committee needs to continue to look at a very definite way of more involvement of the local individuals.

Perhaps this point should be considered more than anything else to determine the funding to some from the Federal Government and the responsibilities of elected public officials in State and local governments.

Again, Mr. Chairman, I would like to add my appreciation and thanks to these gentlemen for coming down here to Washington to give us the benefit of their testimony today.

Chairman PERKINS. I think at this point I will insert into our record that document which aroused so much concern among my colleagues today. It is that statement made by Harry Wheeler at a special board meeting held June 26, 1967.

Without objection, the document will be placed in our hearing record at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

STATEMENT BY HARRY WHEELER, SECRETARY, NEWARK, N.J. BOARD OF EDUCATION,
AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 1967

Now I would like to address myself to what I consider is the most serious aspect of all of this business at hand. You are about to engage in the worst kind of political deal, even worse than the whole land medal land scandal when I was a youngster in the City of Newark and the difference is that now you are playing with the present and future lives of the future citizens of Newark and it all revolves itself around a person having the gall to dictate to the policy making body how this should be done. It is a simple matter of unmitigated gall that is being foisted on the citizens of Newark and you gentlemen find yourselves party to this ungodly situation. Now it is worse than an unholy alliance because it carries with it the threat of the kind of human unrest that none of you will ever be free from for as long as you are alive and awake on this earth because as sure as your name is McCune, Cervase, DeFilippo, Ashby, Moran, Stolorski and Krim, the actions that have already been arrived at, because all of this is again about the Callaghan appointment is going to be the catalyst for blood running in the streets of the City of Newark like there has never been anywhere else in America.

The matter is of such a sensitive nature that people all over this city are saying that if they do, if they usurp our rights after we have lived up to the rules of the game, then we have no other choice than to move to take the situation in our hands; and I simply want to say to you that your action tomorrow night will make other instrumentality for the worse holocaust that this nation has ever seen and I am not going to beg with you or plead with you as previous speakers have done, I am simply going to say to you that the blood will be on your hands. You will pay the supreme price and the city, the state and the nation will know that in Newark, New Jersey, six supposedly upright citizens became the instrumentality for the worst kind of blood bath that America has ever seen, it is going to put the pogroms of Poland, the destruction of free thought in many of the European countries by the Russians to shame because the matter has reached the point where there is no turning back and I simply want to leave with you, and purposely, because I want you to pay the supreme price because you are going into it with your eyes wide open, you know that your actions are wrong, you know that you are perpetrating the worst kind of fraud, human fraud that is conceivable and yet you're hell bent on doing it, so I'm simply saying to you that when the blood runs thick don't come to Harry Wheeler and ask him why, because the reasons for it will be the action that you take in concert on tomorrow night.