

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR RICHARD J. HUGHES AT NEWARK ARMORY,

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 1967, AT NOON

The rioting and looting are over. Violence in the streets has ceased. The restoration of order, which was the primary State mission here, has been accomplished, not only by police security action but also by the intervention of responsible community leaders. Nor can we forget the 24 lives that have been lost.

Sniping activity continues to some extent, but it is sporadic, is grinding to a halt, and has become a local problem. The involvement of the fine decent majority of the Negro community in the restoration of peace in the streets and in the beginning of rebuilding the social order of this city will soon isolate the few criminal snipers still present in Newark.

The bulk of the National Guard and State Police effort here had to do with the suppression of violence in the streets. That violence apparently having ended, the majority of State Police and National Guard troops are being withdrawn today in orderly fashion. A small replacement contingent of State Police and National Guardsmen will come here to assist in traffic and food escort problems.

The Governor withdraws Emergency regulations effective 3 P.M. Monday, July 17, except that portion having to do with closure of taverns, package stores, and all other businesses having any type of license for retail sale of alcoholic beverages, which latter is hereby continued until further notice.

While the tragic acts of homicide, arson, and looting that we have witnessed in these past several days are criminal acts, and cannot lose their character as such, we are not unmindful of the pressing need to turn our attention now to the serious social problems in Newark that antedate the present disturbances and that remain to be solved after them. In the areas

of employment, housing, education, health, police-community relations, and other crucial fields that touch directly upon the lives of the people of this city, the past several years have seen some encouraging gains. Yet no one will claim that all of the city's problems have been solved -- but they must be solved.

The health of Newark is essential to the health of New Jersey, as it is indeed to the health of the nation. For this reason, I have determined that all relevant resources of the State of New Jersey shall be brought resolutely to bear to complement the efforts of Newark officials to attack the major problem areas before us.

We shall do so, as we must, for we are talking about nothing less than the rebuilding of the very fabric, the very heart of a great and proud city for the good of all of its people.

Our late and beloved President John F. Kennedy used to urge that our country "get moving" once again. Today, in the City of Newark, we, too, must resolve to get moving once again. There is no more important work before us, and I for one -- and indeed all of us -- are both determined and eager to get on with the job.