

8 To give you an illustration, we went on Saturday with
9 the Mayor, after a lot of badgering on the Thursday night
10 after the first occurrence, or a Thursday afternoon, we went
11 to his office, George Richardson, Harry Wheeler, Ellis Ward,
12 myself and a few others because we wanted to talk to him
13 even though we have been fighting him because of wrongs that
14 we think have been part of the city. We wanted to talk to
15 him for the betterment of all of the citizens of Newark and
16 because we felt in our hearts that we had dialogue with the
17 guy who was going to throw that Molotov cocktail or that
18 brick. We wanted to get from him -- we suggested to the
19 Mayor on that Thursday that he appoint a blue-ribbon com-
20 mission or something of that nature, not a police review
21 board or anything like that, consisting of people like this.
22 We suggested names like a Malcolm Talbot, a Dean Hecker, a
23 Hilton Visa and other reputable business men in the com-
24 munity to look at the alleged charge of what occurred that
25 Wednesday night so that we then could go back into the

1 community and tell the story to the guy who is going to
2 throw that Molotov cocktail, hoping that we could keep him
3 cool so there wouldn't be any further disturbance. But like
4 the ass that he is, he felt this was political and he inti-
5 mated so much. as far as the city was concerned.

6 He said, "Well, why should I deal with you guys when
7 you guys are going to get newspaper coverage and you are
8 doing this and fighting me on the opposite side?" We
9 couldn't penetrate that thick skull of his, and he asked
10 for forty-eight hours to think it over. We told him, "Mayor,
11 the climate being what it is, I don't think you have forty-
12 eight hours before additional harm comes to Newark," because
13 when I made that statement it was based on my conversation
14 with some of those people, some of those youngsters in that
15 affected area at four a.m. that morning, and I knew these
16 guys were some of the people who had dialogue with the
17 others who would probably do some damage. So I felt then
18 that I could go back and sort of get them to keep it cool,
19 keep it quiet. But unfortunately he didn't see the wisdom
20 in entertaining the idea because he felt that we were his
21 opposition, his opposition as far as his future ambition of
22 getting the Democratic nomination for Governor, and we were
23 the ones who were active and fighting him on the medical
24 school thing that we felt was a fraud on the people of the
25 City of Newark, and we were the opposition insofar as his

1 attempt to appoint incompetent councilmen like Jim Callahan
2 to the most respected position of secretary to the Board of
3 Education, and because of the fact that we were his opposition
4 on several occasions on other issues that we felt he was
5 short-sighted on as far as the city was concerned.

6 ~~that~~ He being always political, he put his own selfish em-
7 bition ahead of the City of Newark. We couldn't get across
8 to him. Unfortunately that Thursday night was the biggest
9 night of the whole disturbance, and I think that Thursday
10 in my heart could have been avoided. true picture of the