

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: The next speaker will be Mr. Earl Harris.

(Applause.)

MR. HARRIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Planning Board.

Mr. Chairman, first I want to state for the record that to the best of my knowledge this was an adjourned meeting, am I correct? The meeting from last night was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: It is continued from last night.

MR. HARRIS: The rules were set last night for the meeting. Here you continue to meet and you changed the rules in the middle of the game. I want to state for the record that we are protesting this, that you are using subterfuge so the majority of people who are employed and unable to be here to be heard, and that I will, we will so state this in our protest to Mr. Weaver.

I would like to ask the Chairman --

A VOICE: State your address, Earl.

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Would you mind giving your name and address to the reporter.

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MR. HARRIS: My name is Earl Harris.
My address is 382 Badger Avenue in Newark.

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Thank you.

MR. HARRIS: Mr. Chairman, I would
like to ask you another question. Have you,
as the Vice Chairman and the members of this
Planning Board, at any time during the last
year or so, or any members of this Planning
Board seen fit to tour any of the other
cities throughout America to make a survey as
to what is being done in regards to new hous-
ing for people? Could you answer that, sir?

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: We will put that in
for the record.

MR. HARRIS: I asked you a question.
Can you answer it?

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: I have no answer
for it myself. Therefore, it is my only
personal answer. I have been around.

A VOICE: I can answer.

MR. HARRIS: You have been around?

CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Yes. I've been
through Pittsburgh. That's as far as I've
gone.

MR. HARRIS: That's as far as you have

1 gone?

2 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Yes.

3 MR. HARRIS: And that's the only city --

4 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Please continue.

5 MR. HARRIS: Another question, Mr.
6 Chairman. Is this being transcribed on tape,
7 this hearing?

8 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Yes, it is.

9 THE REPORTER: No, it isn't, sir.

10 MR. HARRIS: Is there available a copy
11 for us of the minutes of this meeting?

12 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: There will be avail-
13 able to you.

14 MR. HARRIS: To us?

15 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: At the conclusion,
16 yes.

17 MR. HARRIS: At the conclusion of busi-
18 ness?

19 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Yes.

20 MR. HARRIS: There will be available for
21 us, the people, who are protesting this medical
22 school, a transcript of the entire hearing; is
23 that correct?

24 CHAIRMAN COCUZZA: Oh, yes, absolutely,
25 verbatim.

1 MR. HARRIS: Mr. Chairman, earlier to-
2 day you stated to Mrs. Epperson, "That housing
3 -- you know for a fact that housing is going
4 to be built for the people of the City of
5 Newark," and I think you pointed out something
6 along Avon Avenue or something. I just want
7 to read to you from the Newark Evening News
8 on March 26th. It states, "City projects hurt."

9 May I say the gentleman who is sitting
10 back here, Mr. Shabazian, happens to be a
11 writer. I'm going to read this for the record.

12 "The Federal government has notified
13 Newark that the City must make some 'hard
14 choices' as to priorities in urban renewal --
15 choices forced by the squeeze put on Federal
16 funds available for the City's program by the
17 proposed medical school project.

18 "Then, in the same breath, the govern-
19 ment made the first choice itself, telling
20 Newark that completion of the Old Third Ward
21 project -- in execution since 1960 -- 'must
22 receive top priority' in the City's urban re-
23 newal program."

24 I can say that Mr. Danzig himself stated
25 publicly and for the record that because of the

1 fact that this medical school thing was coming
2 up and he has seen fit to get involved in it
3 for some reason or other -- maybe it was
4 political expedience. I don't know whether
5 Lou Danzig has any intentions of running for
6 public office. If he has, Lou, don't do it
7 because you will be defeated just like Hughie
8 the next time he goes out.

9 (Applause.)

10 You may say that this may not be germane
11 what I am saying here, but politics enter into
12 it. I must say these things because it affects
13 our every way of life. Everytime you start
14 affecting human beings, we have learned to be
15 sophisticated to the extent that we recognize
16 that we are going to have to register more
17 people, and you cannot elect anybody in Newark
18 or in the State of New Jersey without the Negro
19 votes. So we will be up and down the State of
20 New Jersey telling everybody if Hughie gets to
21 nomination, that he cannot be governor.

22 I have assurance from Stokely Carmichael
23 and Dr. King to see to it that Hughie will not
24 be the governor of the State of New Jersey.

25 (Applause.)

1 of the Newark Human Rights Commission. This
2 was considered a sacred document. The City
3 Fathers saw fit to conceal this and not be
4 permitted to be seen by the average citizen
5 of Newark for some reason or other. I just
6 want to read a quote here. At that time, the
7 Acting Director was a gentleman by the name
8 of Ralph Zinn. I have always had the highest
9 respect of Ralph as a man.
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11 "There is a white power structure in-
12 tended to drive them into self-contained areas.
13 The Negro too often finds himself pursued by
14 the urban renewal process from neighborhood to
15 neighborhood or dislocated by a new highway.
16 In an effort to remove slum the Negro becomes
17 a refugee between ghettos."

18 Gentlemen, I think you should really
19 seriously pay attention to that. What is in-
20 volved here is a human element. I maintain
21 that if you men who serve in a responsible
22 position as members of a Planning Board, if
23 you are sincerely interested in the City of
24 Newark and progress for this City, you will,
25 by a vote of your conscience, say that the

1 first order of business is decent housing for
2 people and not this medical school.

3 Let us stop and think. This same medical
4 school that we are talking about bringing in
5 here to our City, if it was such a glorious
6 thing, Mayor Whelan would have never gotten
7 rid of it in Jersey City. This is the same
8 school in Jersey City that they are kicking
9 the hell out of Jersey City because it is a
10 tax burden on the people. Still another title
11 and another corporation, it is now being
12 sponsored by the State for the same medical
13 school we are opening our arms for, welcoming
14 it into our City and forgetting about the
15 people.

16 As responsible men appointed to serve
17 in a position either elected or appointed, we
18 have a responsibility and the responsibility
19 is to serve in the best manner that it will
20 effect a better life for all of the citizens
21 of Newark. If you can show me where this
22 medical school will bring about a better life
23 rather than having better homes and decent
24 homes, and to do something to keep the tax rate
25 down -- now this medical school is going to

1 cause an additional burden on the people who
2 pay rents and the people who own the piece of
3 property. God knows and God must help the poor
4 working man who is unfortunate enough who saw
5 fit to scrounge up two or three mortgages to
6 go out and buy a one family house in the last
7 four or five years in this City. All he got
8 on his hands today is hell. I can assure you
9 the great percentage of Negroes who own a one
10 family house in this City, I give them time be-
11 fore they wind up losing it.

12 A VOICE: Two families will go, too.

13 MR. HARRIS: They cannot absorb this tax
14 rate. You must remember that. So therefore,
15 as responsible -- you know that word is thrown
16 around so often, particularly when it is shown
17 in the white press about responsible and ill-
18 responsible Negroes.

19 Let me say something to you on that mat-
20 ter. You know, the so-called responsible Negro
21 is the one that the Caucasians have been able
22 to manipulate like puppets over a period of
23 years. You as a Caucasian, these are the people
24 that have said that our leaders. They are not
25 our leaders. The responsible people are those

1 that you have seen up here in this hall here,
2 in this chamber, protesting to an injustice.
3 They are the responsible ones because they
4 have the heart and fortitude to stand up and
5 make their voice heard for what is right.

6 (Applause.)

7 This is truly the responsible person.
8 You may hang up there about Ralph Bunch. But
9 in our eyesight, in the black community, we
10 shake our head at Ralph Bunch. You know why,
11 because Ralph Bunch didn't know he was black
12 until they barred his son out of that tennis
13 club. Then he realized, with his Harvard
14 degrees and everything, that he was the same
15 as we are, you see.

16 So, in essence, what I am saying is
17 that let us come together not once as the
18 Mayor extended an invitation to us, to sit
19 down at the conference table to discuss this
20 intelligently. This is the manner in which
21 all grievances should be discussed. Put your
22 proposition on the table. Not once. He has
23 seen fit to reach into his community to bring
24 up some so-called leaders and to get them as
25 rubber stamps, to bow their head and scratch

1 their head and shovel and say, yowza, Boss.
2 We are not saying, yowza, no more. So I say
3 to you that you have an opportunity to do
4 something.

5 You know, I don't know whether any of
6 you gentlemen know about what's taking place
7 in a city not too far removed from Newark.
8 It is a very short distance. It is New Haven,
9 Connecticut. There in New Haven, Connecticut,
10 they have truly a project under way that af-
11 fects every citizen of the city, black and
12 white. There they really have integrated --
13 integrated, gentlemen -- co-op homes. You
14 know the co-op homes that are built up there
15 is a farce. If you can show me five white
16 families or three white families in that co-
17 op project -- that got up there on Monmouth
18 Street and around there, I'll give you a five
19 dollar bill here today, because you can't do
20 it. This is not what we are working for. We
21 are working for decent housing and we want to
22 see that it is brought to Newark, and we want
23 to see that instead of perpetuating a ghetto
24 and making an all black community, we want to
25 see it brought together so that decent for

1 one will be decent for others. This is what
2 we are working for.

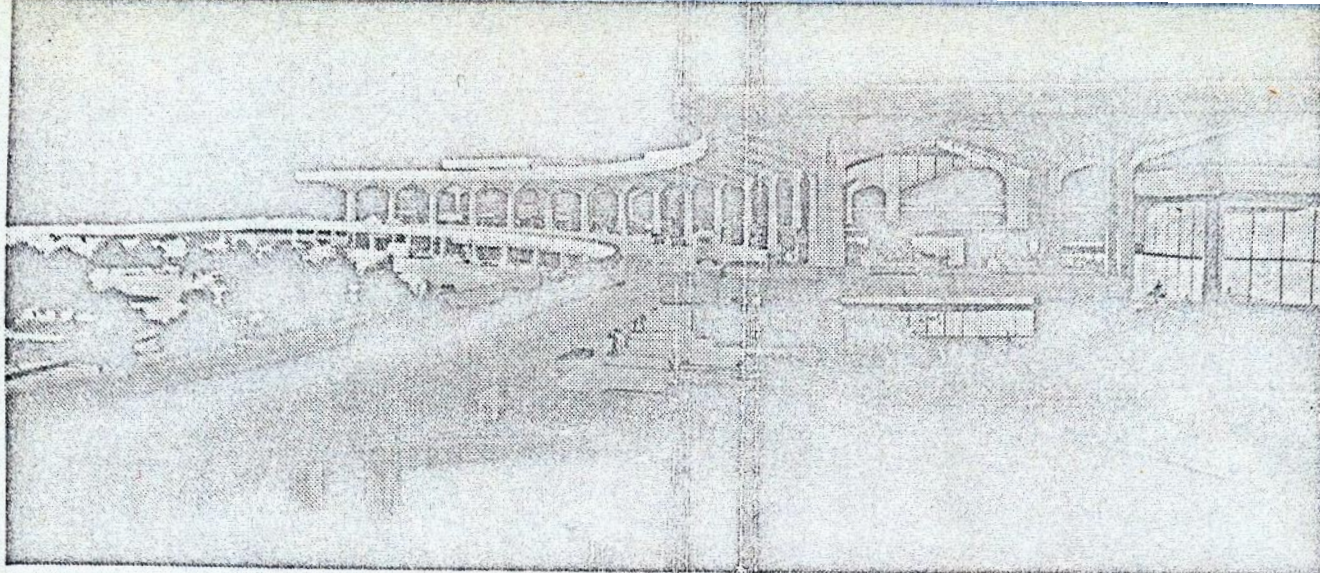
3 I ask you to just bear with me. I just
4 want to read to you something here from the
5 New York Times that was published in 1965,
6 September 7th. The caption is, "New Haven
7 pursuing the American dream of a slumless city."

8 I want to hear from the gentleman that
9 must receive the document, the minutes as be-
10 ing transcribed today, when it was said, "I
11 think New Haven is coming closest to our
12 American dream as being a slumless city."
13 That was Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Federal Hous-
14 ing and Home Finance Administrator.

15 He said, "It is like a dream. Every-
16 thing is done with so much style." That was
17 said by a member of a New York City Community
18 Planning Board after a recent tour.

19 "If only New York had half of New
20 Haven's imagination and a quarter of its
21 spirit."

22 I say this to you, if only Newark had
23 half of this imagination and a quarter of the
24 spirit, you gentlemen who serve on this Plan-
25 ning Board.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NEWARK: This is a model of a Port of New York Authority airport terminal complex

Jersey's Transportation Head Is Cautious

By EDWARD HUDSON

TRENTON, May 8 — The man named by Gov. William T. Cahill to help find ways that the Port of New York Authority can aid mass transportation takes a somewhat cautious attitude toward how much the authority can really do.

The official, John C. Kohl, New Jersey's new Commissioner of Transportation, said yesterday in an interview in his spacious office here:

"They're not going to make any open-ended commitment of their funds. It seems evident there are basic legal restraints that restrict their freedom to make such commitments.

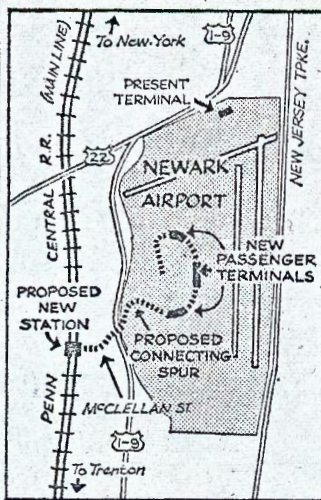
"Frankly, I think there's been great deal of loose talk about the availability of Port Authority resources. This availability is one of the things the two governors are now, I think, anxious to explore."

Mr. Kohl, a tall, 61-year-old former professor of civil engineering who speaks in a measured baritone, acknowledged that his accusation of loose talk was aimed "among others," at Theodore W. Kheel, the lawyer and labor mediator.

Mr. Kheel, as head of a now-defunct committee to save the 20-cent city subway fare has repeatedly accused the Port Authority of piling up surpluses but spending only a "pittance" for mass transit.

Governor Cahill, who was elected last fall on a platform that included a pledge to make the bistate authority use more resources for mass transit, named Mr. Kohl to an inter-agency task force to agree on specific projects the agency would undertake. Also on the task force are representatives of the Port Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a New York State body.

Austin J. Tobin, executive di-



rector of the authority, has promised that it will do what it can to satisfy Mr. Cahill "within our limitations."

The agency has argued in the past it does not have the resources to finance a deficit operation, which, it holds, mass transit almost always is. It has said that legislation in 1962 barred it from assuming more deficit transit operations beyond PATH (Port Authority Trans Hudson), which loses about \$12-million a year.

Hope Put in Specific Projects

In the interview, Mr. Kohl said he believed there were "opportunities to develop wider use of the talents and resources" of the authority. But he added that he doubted this would be achieved by any "sweeping commitment" by the agency to a general program. "I think it will be developed in terms of specific projects that make financial sense," he said.

As far as specific projects are concerned, the Commissioner said, that "there are number

of possibilities that loom rather large."

He listed first, improved ground access to Newark Airport, where the authority is building new passenger terminals as part of a \$200-million redevelopment of the field to be completed in 1974.

The authority has said it is prepared to build a \$12.5-million ground access system from the Newark Airport boundary to the Penn Central main line, a distance of about 3,000 feet. The link would be an extension of a planned inter-terminal transportation system, a so-called "people mover" the design for which has not yet been chosen.

The agency has conditioned the project, however, on its feasibility, as determined by further detailed studies, and on its obtaining New Jersey, and the Penn Central's approval.

Other Possibilities Seen

Among other possibilities for Port Authority participation, he said, were the following:

Improvement of the Jersey Central Railroad's main line as either a commuter or rapid-transit operation.

The establishment of exclusive traffic lanes for buses on the approaches to the Lincoln Tunnel and in other, unspci-

fied, locations in Northern New Jersey.

Additional "park and ride" similar to the authority's facility in North Bergen, N. J., near the Lincoln Tunnel approach. At a park-and-ride site, motorists can park their cars and board a bus or train to their ultimate destination. Mr. Kohl said new sites might serve motorists destined to Newark, Jersey City or Hoboken, not only Manhattan.

Mr. Kohl is a former University of Michigan professor who has served in a number of governmental and industry posts mostly related to transportation. He was a member of the Tristate Transportation Commission from 1961 to 1966.

The official said he was "very much interested" in the possibility of establishing separate truck lanes or routes to avoid the "serious and fearsome" conflict on highways between trucks and passenger cars.

Stressing the importance of preserving the state's environment in planning new project Mr. Kohl said:

"We don't want to spoil the countryside and the city just to make it possible to get from here to there faster."

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1 It isn't often that we get involved in
2 a situation where we don't have a real knock
3 down drag out thing where people use all sorts
4 of subterfuge, intimidation, what-not, to try
5 to farm this off. Frighten us off. But we
6 never feared the dogs, we didn't fear the fire
7 hoses, we don't fear night sticks and we don't
8 fear the consequences that are involved in
9 Newark. If necessary, if it means dying, we
10 are ready to give our life. If it means going
11 to jail, we are prepared to go there. If it
12 means anything as far as confining our fight
13 within the law, we are going to do that.

14 (Appause.)

15 As veterans of the Civil Rights strug-
16 gles, many of the people you see here, they
17 have faced the dogs, the fire hoses and the
18 night sticks. That's why when I say to you
19 they don't frighten us, that's what I mean.
20 That's why when I said to you, there are
21 others who are waiting to come in here and for
22 less than \$10, less than ten hours, Dr. King,
23 Stokely Carmichael, just as soon as he gets
24 out of jail in Alabama, they will come up here.
25 We have said repeatedly that we don't want to

1 see incidents in Newark. In fact, a lot of
2 people here serve with me on a committee and
3 they served with General Pawley last year, to
4 see what could be done to keep down the tension
5 as far as Newark. I want to make this crystal
6 clear. A lot of people here served with me to
7 see what could be done to keep down the tension.
8 But as I so stated to Mr. Pawley then, that the
9 first quarter of business -- I said this the
10 other day to Director Spina, to call the people
11 in, the people who are affected, and to meet
12 with them, the people who are being kicked
13 around, abused and short-changed. Call them
14 in and meet with them. I stated to Mr. Pawley
15 at that time that none of those Negroes who
16 were there in that room, including myself,
17 truly represented the little guy in the street,
18 the guy who is going to throw that brick. Be-
19 cause when that cat gets the brick, I'm going
20 to make it because I don't want to get hit up-
21 side the head. The first one to get hit with
22 that brick is the elected officials who take
23 the stand. I don't have to call them out. You
24 know who they are. We got two councilmen,
25 others.

(Applause.)

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2 Just so long as everyone knows who they
3 are. If you don't believe it, you go outside
4 to the street and talk to the guy in the
5 street. He will tell you where he is going to
6 throw that brick. We don't want to see no
7 bricks thrown in Newark. We want Newark to
8 be a good place to live. Many of us have spent
9 all our life in Newark. We are fighting for
10 a better city. By a better city, we want
11 everybody to benefit by it. I want you to
12 know that. I mean a better city for all people,
13 black and white. If America is to survive and
14 really truly be a city, be a country to set
15 examples for other countries, then we must
16 learn that together we stand -- I mean if we
17 want to go all over the world and tell them
18 about democracy, then we have to show them that
19 we practice it, and that democracy is something
20 that can be worked out.

21 I was looking for Mr. Danzig's clipping
22 where Mr. Danzig stated because of the medical
23 school he would have to cut back an urban re-
24 newal project. That's a matter of public record
25 as stated in the Newark News, that Mr. Danzig

1 said because of the medical school he would
2 have to cut back an urban renewal project, and
3 yet he would come before this body and paint a
4 glowing picture of the future plans of urban
5 renewal when he knows darn well the funds
6 aren't going to be available because they are
7 going to be utilized in the building of this
8 medical school.

9 That's a matter of record, gentlemen.
10 I am saying to you that you can do something.
11 You can become of age and say to the highest
12 executive of this city that we are for decent
13 homes and medical school last, because that med
14 school will certainly be a shining example of
15 something beautiful if it was situated up there
16 in Madison on the Dodge Estate, because there
17 they have the room.

18 I want to read here from, "Improving the
19 quality of urban life, with the Honorable Robert
20 C. Weaver, Secretary." That's the Director.

21 "A housing proponent concerned with meet-
22 ing the full range of housing needs, particular-
23 ly of low and moderate income families, and in-
24 creasing the availability of the existing housing
25 supply to all residents of the City, it could in-

1 involve the participation of urban renewal agen-
2 cies, public housing authorities, non-profit
3 and limited profit groups engaged in low and
4 moderate costs housing construction and re-
5 habilitation."

6 Gentlemen, let me say something to you.
7 It is my understanding that some of the moneys
8 from demonstration cities -- of course, this is
9 not under your jurisdiction -- is going to be
10 utilized in this med school. Again, we think
11 we have a thorough case. We are certainly go-
12 ing to file -- there is no hesitation about
13 telling you. We are going into Federal Courts.
14 We believe that in Federal Court -- if neces-
15 sary, we will go right up the ladder until we
16 get to the Supreme Court. We are going through
17 with litigation, and we are going to attempt to
18 stop this thing. I am standing here talking to
19 you. I was hoping there would be a wire from
20 Washington because if it is not forthcoming to-
21 day, then I can assure you we will be on Eastern
22 Airlines, about fifty of us tomorrow, and we
23 will be in Washington. That's why I asked you
24 whether the tapes are available.

25 (Applause.)

1 So I ask you, as men who are willing to
2 do something for your City where you reside --
3 and I must state for the record the Chairman,
4 Mr. Booker, isn't here, but I want it known in
5 the record that Mr. Booker does not live in
6 Newark. He has an address on High Street but
7 he is a resident, I think, of Scotch Plains.
8 I want this to appear in the record. The
9 Chairman of the Central Planning Board of the
10 City of Newark is not a resident of the City
11 of Newark, you see. He has a vote -- we know
12 his business is there. Another thing, too.
13 We have learned through a Civil Rights struggle
14 that if you can't sit down at a bargaining
15 table with a person and try to come to some
16 sort of an agreement without throwing the
17 brick, without throwing the brick we have other
18 aces up our sleeve. You know, we never used
19 the word in the Civil Rights struggle through-
20 out the south of boycott, economical reprisals,
21 withdrawals. I think it is a better word.
22 Economic withdrawal. In other words, just sup-
23 posing we were to select Bambergers and two or
24 three hundred people got in front of Bambergers
25 and asked them, the President of Bambergers to

1 meet with the City Fathers to try to bring him
2 to the conference table with us, to use his
3 influence as a member of the Chamber of Com-
4 merce. We are aware that the Chamber of Com-
5 merce has a great deal of influence with the
6 City Fathers. What we can do, we can demon-
7 strate peacefully, economical withdrawal of
8 our funds. We know that the black people con-
9 trols a certain amount of funds. If we kept
10 this money from being spent, then we think that
11 we can get you at the conference table to dis-
12 cuss things intelligently. You see, we have
13 a lot of approaches. We don't want to do this.
14 This is something that we have discussed, and
15 I am not trying to hide it.

16 But what we are trying to do, we are
17 trying to reach an intelligent satisfactory
18 conclusion where men sit down and discuss what
19 is best for the City of Newark.

20 I know, having served at one time here
21 in this City of Newark under this administra-
22 tion before I resigned, that a lot of members
23 of various wards and parties are told what to
24 do. But I am saying to you that regardless of
25 whether you have been told or not, you still

1 have to shave, look in the mirror and shave
2 yourself. You have to say to your son, your
3 daughter, what you think you have contributed
4 toward making this a better city. In other
5 words, what I am saying, you have to be the
6 master of your own conscience. I know that
7 you are -- I think you are -- concerned with
8 a tranquility of peace in this City. I think
9 you are concerned. I think you are. I think
10 you are concerned with promoting a better city
11 for all people. I think you are concerned with
12 the conflicts of the poor as well as the af-
13 fluent, where they can afford to pay their
14 taxes and remain in their homes that they have
15 struggled for. I think you are concerned with
16 the education system in the City of Newark. I
17 think you are concerned with the problems in
18 the City.

19 All I am asking you to do is show me,
20 by your very action, that you are concerned.
21 Show me that you are concerned. Show the
22 citizens of Newark that you are concerned.
23 Show the television cameras in America that you
24 are concerned. Because you know and I know
25 that CBS, ABC, INS, AP, they are all looking

1 at what is happening here in Newark. We want
2 to walk up and down Broad Street peacefully.
3 We want to walk up and down Market Street and
4 every other street peacefully. We don't want
5 to be out there demonstrating. But you can't
6 keep us from demonstrating.

7 I say to you, it is in your hands. May-
8 be Addonizio can't, but it is my understanding
9 that he spent a great deal of his time down in
10 Spring Lake more than he spent in Newark. I
11 don't know.

12 (Applause.)

13 But you men, you have a conscience and
14 you have to live with it. When you walk down
15 the street and see a kid bitten by rats and
16 have a decent place to live, a warning where
17 he could sit down at the table and not have to
18 eat roaches as part of his food -- your con-
19 science, your conscience, your conscience.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

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23 (End of excerpt.)
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