

In Detroit, I think it has been seen really as a moral challenge free from political connotations.

One of the reasons I say that is that the present planning committee, and I am deviating here from my testimony, but the present planning committee which has been created by our office is representative of every interest in the community including the local chamber of commerce which is represented on this committee and very actively represented in the planning process. So we have geared up in Detroit for all participation in this program or in the programs which await the passage of this Economic Opportunity Act.

We have been acutely aware, really, of the need for a concerted and very determined community action against the roots of poverty. We have not merely been standing by awaiting the declaration of the so-called war on poverty because we have been engaged in some preliminary activity and achieved some degree of success. Really, our efforts are modestly scaled because the needs are so great. Certainly, as you know as well as I, the limitations on local funds derive really from the realities of what I term the central cities fiscal or financial stringencies. It is true of our city as well as every other major city in the country. These limitations really prevent the allocation of personnel and funds which are needed to come to grips with the problems which we know exist.

We have sought to create some new job opportunities in our community by working closely, for example, with the Area Redevelopment Administration. It has been my privilege to serve as a member of the National Public Advisory Committee of ARA and to participate in some degree in the shaping of policy which I think have meant so much even in a limited way to the jobless of America.

We have been able, for example, to study the potential of our port, our riverfront in our community. Through the ARA, it has given us the blueprint for future development which is being implemented by private developers. Through ARA we have been able to study Detroit, its potential as a research center.

There are many other things that ARA has done that I could spell out in greater detail but because of the limitations of time I won't.

As I appear here today, the final touches are being given to an action program to combat juvenile delinquency and the highest areas of delinquency inside our city. It is called CADY, Community Action for Detroit Youth. It has brought together what I term really town and gown in a cooperative effort and cooperative drive using the resources of public and private agencies in a coordinated program to attack not only the causes but the effects also of juvenile delinquency.

We are hopeful certainly that the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency will agree with us that it is a good program so that we can implement this comprehensive plan.

Under a grant from the Department of Labor and HEW, we have been training in our city some out-of-school youth, using a split program of work experience in city job stations and supplementary training in a youth employment center. Only 600 youngsters will be trained in the course of this program during the year out of an estimated 35,000 jobless youngsters in our community between the ages of 16 and 21, all of whom are sons and daughters of Detroiters who are out of school and out of work and I think most importantly, though, frequently out of hope.