

Speaking as a father I am deeply disturbed but, as a mayor of a community, I think I have a responsibility of trying to do something more than that which we have done.

I assure you, gentlemen, that the President's legislative program in relation to poverty does offer a hope to myself as the mayor and hope to the parents and the children of our community that more will be done.

Our community is united, I believe, behind the need for the President's program.

On just this Monday, a meeting was held in my office attended by the leaders of industry, labor, education, and government and at that time this committee about which I am speaking, the Metropolitan Committee on Employment Opportunity, unanimously agreed to act as the policy body for the community action program on poverty, which is an intrinsic part, obviously, of the total package and a full-time staff has been assigned to spell out the details of our local program in this total action against poverty.

I have added to my formal statement an organizational chart and it details the membership on this committee and its relationship to other ongoing community efforts. I think that has some degree of importance here because it does represent, as I said earlier, Mr. Chairman, not only the representatives of labor but the members of the board of commerce, the officers of the board of commerce, our educational institutions, our religious leaders, the entire spectrum of community interest is represented on this employment committee, the committee on employment opportunity.

I think that our city, at least to some degree, is unique in recognizing the need to supplement our community renewal program studies of the physical problems, for example, of urban renewal by some studies, some preparations of what I term "action programs," to deal with other social problems, because certainly there is a direct correlation between inadequate income and inadequate housing, between inadequate education and unemployment or underemployment, between slums and delinquency and other forms of social and personal disorganization.

The CRP, or the community renewal program, in Detroit, is devoting much of its time and energies to attempting to find solutions to some of the social ills that I mentioned.

In the flow chart, which I attached to the testimony, it shows some of the things that they have been doing right now.

This CRP staff in our city is coordinating our governmental and private agency planning and educational planning for our community action program in this area of poverty.

To supplement these efforts and to assure our full participation as a city, some time ago I had the opportunity to form, and I did form, a departmental council on poverty programs prior to even the President's message coming to the Congress. Health and welfare, recreation, housing, youth, industrial development, these local agency heads are directly involved in working up the city's portion and the city's participation in the poverty program. Obviously, we have given most of our attention to the young people but certainly there are many others who need our help, the physically and emotionally handicapped, the mother who has to support her family by herself, the older worker who has no place to turn when automation displaces him, as so fre-