

ment specify male. I regret that Mrs. Green had to leave. I am sure she would have taken issue with the mayor, as she has with us, and suggested the possibility of amending it to include female enrollees, also. Now, would the mayor have some specific view with regard to an amendment of this type to include females?

Mayor WALSH. To include females in the Urban Conservation Corps?

Mr. LANDRUM. Yes.

Mayor WALSH. Yes, I would certainly allow girls to get into this. Just thinking again of some of our needs, we are trying to develop some lots in some of the depressed areas of the city where we take out houses and we pay for the lot and invite the kids to come in. We could take some of these girls and put them under our recreation leaders and have them assist in the recreation program. We could use them as homemakers, learning homemaking. I was in a welfare home the other day, the whole problem sort of fascinated me. Here were six kids, the father had disappeared and the mother had died and they were now in the care of an aunt. The home was in an atrocious mess. I said to the 12-year-old girl, I said, "Why in the world don't you take the dishes and wash them and clean the dishes off the stove and get them out of the sink?" She said, "I never washed a dish in my life." Now, I think we could give them some kind of training right within the city that would be very helpful.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Mayor, I think your concept is a most interesting one. I would certainly like to find a way, as the gentleman from Georgia has said, to see if we cannot at least indicate that we would like to see a good portion of these funds used in this area. Now, the problem is a little different when you get outside the urban area. I don't know whether you then have the same capability of taking people and giving them the opportunity within their local area. There just may not be that situation. You may have to have a combination of both. I think we will just have to explore it and possibly give the director the discretion, perhaps to give him an indication of our preference and say where this is not feasible give him the discretion to set up the other kind of example.

On page 8 of your summary statement, Mr. Mayor, you ask us to broaden the financial assistance requirements and generally indicate that otherwise the areas of existing severe poverty problems will get priority. You brought up a very interesting point because in essence you say to us that we had better also look out and see that other areas that do not now have serious poverty may be acquiring it, that may be we should be taking preventative steps as well as curative steps.

Mayor WALSH. That is right.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Yet, I must say to you in all honesty that the problem in this area is that we ourselves admit, as you admit, that this is not the overall solution to the whole problem of poverty and if we don't have the funds to do the overall picture all the way, even though we may recognize that there are other areas we would like to get into, which would be better in your opinion: to first attack the areas of worse poverty if we only have a few dollars to spend relatively speaking, or divide that up so that we did not really affect either of the two areas too seriously?