

aspects of a city, but the social renewal of a city. I have long felt that every city in America, or most cities, have a physical renewal plan. We know how to build streets and highways, and put up street lights and collect garbage, and so on. Our ability to do is only limited by the amount of money we have. But really what we don't know and have not done in America is how to renew what I call the human values of a city, how we lose the great impersonality that comes from living in a city, and how we take that single individual and relate him to the great mass of people in that great city in which he lives. And this all ties together in what we usually call, in Detroit, at least, a social renewal. And I think that this demonstration city program proposes to combine the best features of both physical and social renewal in order to make a city the kind of city that we want to live in. And I not only envision new urban renewal projects, and maybe new hospitals and open space, but I also envision neighborhood residents participating in the planning of their own destiny, and neighborhood residents help local officials decide on what neighborhood facilities are needed maybe in a family center, a medical or dental clinic.

And these are the sort of things that I think for the first time in our contemporary history will make living in a city much more attractive. Why is it that a lot of people prefer to live in small towns? The normal reason is that, they say, they know their neighbor, and it is not as cold and impersonal as living in a big city. Then if that is so, at least some flavor of that kind of character should be recaptured in these big cities. It is an extremely difficult thing to do. One way to do it, I think, is through the utilization of this demonstration city approach, this program of social renewal.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. The day before yesterday we asked for some examples of how this might all be tied together and meshed, not just in words, but in example. So I look forward to seeing some of that.

I just have one other short question, Mr. Mayor.

I am interested in your reference to the meeting that was held in Detroit to rally community support for the demonstration cities program. Could you give us just a little more detail on what took place in that meeting?

Mr. CAVANAGH. Yes. A number of years ago when urban renewal was taking some of its first faltering steps, I think the first major residential redevelopment project in America was in Detroit, the rather well-known Lafayette Park project. And that project was about to fail. At that point Walter Reuther and Henry Ford, and a number of other very distinguished people, put together a small citizens redevelopment corporation which in effect saved that Lafayette Park. They financed it for a period of time until urban renewal sort of came of age.

Well, it was long felt by many of us in our city that we needed the kind of massive support in the private community to make not only demonstration city a practical reality, but make the whole redevelopment of our community a practical reality, rather than having the Government do it itself, working with developers, why not mobilize all the resources of the community. And toward that end, we called together about a hundred of the leaders of the community, the heads of the great universities and the heads of all the automobile companies and the utilities and the great labor unions, and so on. And they