

Mr. CAVANAGH. I think the proliferation of new towns does not help any city. But I think the idea behind the new towns legislation is the fact that they are going to occur anyway in an ordinary plan and development. I have some personal opinions which I would be most happy to express. A couple are—and I was criticized last year for expressing them in front of this committee, I do not mean by the members of the committee, but there was a recent article in Harper's on this point, and they cited some testimony that I gave in response, I think, to Mr. Ashley's question. I don't think that those new towns should receive any greater Federal assistance or aid than the central cities, No. 1. And I think, No. 2, that both the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors are developing some rather interesting alternatives to new town legislation. And by that I am speaking about the idea of cities within cities, the new city within the old city, the new city within the old town, such as we are trying to do in the great Forest Park area in Detroit, which is literally creating a suburb inside the city.

Now, this is one reason why both the conference of mayors and the National League of Cities has asked for further opportunity to submit comments in relation to this. But those are some of my own personal feelings about new towns.

Mr. BARRETT. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. Moorhead?

Mr. MOORHEAD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mayor, I want to commend you again for your excellent statement and for your eloquent words about human and social renewal. I think that is the most dramatic statement in support of this legislation that has been made before this committee.

Yesterday, Mayor Addonizio, of Newark, recognizing that for the action programs we have to limit the number of cities involved, suggested, however, that we increase the planning funds so that all cities desiring to do some planning of the type contemplated by this legislation could do so. Would you agree with Mayor Addonizio?

Mr. CAVANAGH. Yes, Mr. Moorhead; I would.

Mr. MOORHEAD. I notice in your statement in a couple of places that you refer to our efforts in space, and the walk in space, and so forth. Would you approve a proposed amendment that would direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to set up a crash research program, systems research, for developing new techniques for bringing together in a comprehensive system existing techniques for mass transportation?

Mr. CAVANAGH. Yes, Mr. Congressman; particularly if you added some additional funding to it. I would not want to see it done out of what I consider to be limited funding suggested here. But I think it is most important that we adopt some of the so-called space technology to the job of solving urban problems. I think the cities have been woefully deficient, mainly because of a lack of money, in utilizing many of the advances in technology which, let's say, our Defense Department has utilized, and applying them to the problems of the cities, particularly in the area of police and law enforcement, crime. And we in Detroit at the present time are attempting to develop with Wayne State University this very same thing a new demonstration project, using some of the great amount of research, principally Fed-