

to find suitable, decent quarters elsewhere that they otherwise would not be able to find, and as I pointed out before—and I believe ours was one of the earliest recommendations for rent supplementation in the case of the elderly, to provide for rent supplements after the relocation for a period of time, if they are eligible, in connection with finding decent quarters for them after they have been moved out of the area in which they live. But these situations involve human tragedies, it is uprooting, and it is relocation. And there is a public responsibility in that area that we need to recognize.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain?

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Mr. Shishkin, you have me confused. A demonstration city, under the Demonstration Cities Act, should stay within a city. And you are talking about a new city—I agree with you, relocation is one of the biggest problems we are going to face in section 9. And I also agree with you that relocation payments should be brought up to date, updated. However, I think the problem still remains as to where are we going to put the people. And I cannot buy your suggestion that you put them without the city, because the whole purpose, the whole theory behind this is to renew a city and the people and to improve the social, economic conditions of the citizens within the community.

Now, let's forget New York or Philadelphia, or Detroit or Newark, where you are going to a portion of a city. But let's remember, we have had 100 large cities and we have thousands of smaller cities, and we have to think about them.

Now, what do you do in these smaller communities, Mr. Shishkin, if you are going to have a demonstration city plan within that particular community? How, then, do you reconcile your suggestion that you take these people of varying incomes and put them outside the city limits? Will the city fathers go for that, and the citizens of the city itself, the fact that they are going to be pushed out of town?

Mr. SHISHKIN. Well, Mr. St Germain, let me say that you may forget New York and Philadelphia but I am sure you are not forgetting Providence.

But I think that what I am saying here is a matter of simple arithmetic. If you look at the slum area that is being subject to the demonstration cities program, you are dealing with substantial quantities of housing in which people are now doubled up, in which there are two or three families and sometimes four families—

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I do not disagree with you. But answer this question for me. Do you feel that these people will buy the concept—perhaps this is the solution—but do you really feel that they will buy the concept of being told, you are going to go outside the town, you are going to go outside the community?

Mr. SHISHKIN. If proper and decent housing is provided for them in the suburbs and the new town or outside the community, I think they will certainly go for it. And I think for a great many of them it will be a real escape from very, very unhappy existence.

But as far as the acceptance by the city of it is concerned I think the pressures within the city and the burdens on its relief rolls, lack of tax contribution, and so forth, are so great that the city ought to support that.