

housing, housing for the aged, moderate-income housing, relocation, recreation, open space, beautification, concern with urban design, adequate water resources, air pollution control, sewage and sanitation, better parking and garage facilities, and transportation improvement.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials is one of the leading organizations in the field of urban development. In the preamble of its 1963-65 policy resolution it is stated:

That housing, urban renewal, and code officials must find a means of more closely relating their operations to the work of other public and private agencies that are concerned with such deeply embedded urban problems as poverty, unemployment, lack of education, poor health, and family disruption. There must be a total community effort to meet these 20th century problems.

The resolution also singles out crime, delinquency, school dropouts, racial tensions, and other forms of social unrest.

I would like to review briefly the programs referred to in the bill which are underway in Chicago. I believe a review will make evident:

1. The need for preventing the depletion of urban renewal funds because of allocation to demonstration cities.
2. The obvious inadequacy of \$2.3 billion spread over 5 years among 50 to 60 cities.
3. The need for releasing this year the full \$2.9 billion title I funds authorized by Congress in 1965 for urban renewal, instead of being programed over 4 years.
4. The necessity for increasing planning funds so that all cities can participate and in order to assure the highest quality of planning.
5. The determination of criteria and guidelines in detail outside of those spelled out in the bill be deferred until enough preliminary plans have been submitted so that guidelines can be determined by actual experience and the needs of cities in light of their existing programs.

The urgent need for a comprehensive and coordinated program has been recognized by many cities. In Chicago several steps were taken toward this objective.

In 1962 there was a major reorganization with the merger of the two renewal agencies engaged in slum elimination and neighborhood improvement to create the present department of urban renewal. In June of last year, the department of city planning was reorganized into a department of development and planning. And to my left is the head of that department, John Duba.

In addition to all the functions previously carried out by the department of city planning, the new department is responsible for supervising and coordinating all city development activities.

Late in 1964, the department published the basic policies for the comprehensive plan of Chicago. In keeping with policy of citizen review and discussion, approximately 100 meetings were held in various communities with invitations extended directly to 600 community organizations. Based on these meetings, a review of the basic policies is now being completed and the next major report will be published this year.

Under our urban renewal program we now have in execution 19 redevelopment projects. Another 11 have been completed, contracts with the Federal Government closed and final payments received. We