

Mr. BLACKMON. As I understand, there would be possibly a total of some 60 cities designated for this demonstration program.

Mr. FINO. Do you feel the amount that has been suggested or recommended by the Secretary of \$2.3 billion will be sufficient to cover the 60 cities?

Mr. BLACKMON. As I understand the program that is being recommended, it is a demonstration program to start with and they would start making progress with this money and be able to evaluate the amount of good that is coming from it and, if possible, they would then come back for additional money if it proves that the demonstration is worthwhile and they are accomplishing what they set out to do. Not only for the 60 cities, for then it would be possible to expand it into even a larger area if it was a worthwhile program.

Mr. FINO. Mr. Blackmon, last week we had some people testify before this subcommittee and they were mayors, the mayor of New York City, who said they would need at least \$2 billion and the mayor of Newark said he would need \$200 million.

When you look at these figures, that has already exhausted the proposed authorization.

Mr. BLACKMON. I can understand that the desire is to do the full job, but as was indicated, this is a demonstration program. They do not hope probably in this one particular bill, to solve all of the problems, but to get a program started and to properly evaluate it and then, if they can justify that the money they are spending is creating a worthwhile cause, then I believe that you, as gentlemen who sit here year after year observing these programs and watching closely over them, will give them additional money. If they do not make it worthwhile, then you will probably say that they have taken the wrong approach.

I have great hope that the demonstration program will do a lot, as Mrs. Sullivan said, not only just to rehabilitate the housing but also the people, and upgrade the whole aspect of these areas. Rather than a whole city, they will have to pick out certain areas in a city and start to work and see what can be accomplished along these lines.

Mr. FINO. Getting back to my favorite subject of disagreement with the title of "Federal Coordinator" which I have referred to as a possible commissar or czar in this industry, would you advocate that it be "Expediter" instead of "Federal Coordinator"?

Mr. BLACKMON. I think that is probably a good role for him. As I understand him, he is going to be a coordinator between the various agencies to expedite—a coordinator of some type. Whatever wording or verbiage you might want to give it is alright.

Mr. FINO. I would assume that his function would be to cut redtape and not create redtape.

Mr. BLACKMON. I think that would be very desirable.

Mr. FINO. Would you support a move to have legislation provide for local nominations of the coordinator from whose number the Secretary could appoint? Would you support a move on the part of the subcommittee to have legislation or a provision in this bill providing for local nominations of the coordinator from a number of names submitted to the Secretary for his approval or his consideration?

Mr. BLACKMON. From a local nomination of people living within that community?