

like these overcrowded industrial centers will be victims of disease, ignorance, crime, violence, and many on public relief rolls.

This legislation will give authority to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to make grants and provide technical assistance to enable city demonstration agencies to plan, develop, and carry out comprehensive city demonstration programs.

In determining whether a proposed comprehensive city demonstration program is eligible for assistance, the Secretary would give maximum consideration to whether (1) substantive local laws, regulations, and other requirements are, or can be expected to be, consistent with the objectives of the program; (2) the program will enhance neighborhoods by applying a high standard of design and will, as appropriate, maintain distinctive natural, historical, and cultural characteristics; (3) the program is designed to make maximum use of new and improved technology and design, including cost reduction techniques; (4) the program will encourage good community relations and counteract the segregation of housing by race or income; and (5) the program is consistent with comprehensive planning for the entire urban or metropolitan area.

The bill would also authorize the Secretary to make grants to, or contract with, city demonstration agencies to pay 90 percent of the costs of planning and developing comprehensive city demonstration programs. Such financial assistance must be approved by the local governing body of the city.

No doubt your committee after hearings will meet in executive session and determine in your wisdom practical methods which will provide a means of implementing this legislation to the satisfaction of the Federal, State, and the municipal governments concerned.

The Gary Post Tribune over the last several months has been carrying, in various editions, editorials concerning some dire needs of our rapidly expanding city. These various editorials printed in different editions of the newspaper are too long for inclusion in my testimony before your committee. I might mention some of the titles of the various editorials which included the following: (1) "Revitalizing Downtown Gary." (2) "Look at Our Highways and Streets." (3) "Expand Hospitals—Wisely." (4) "Need: Places for Children To Play." (5) "The Medical School Drive." (6) "Cleaner Air and Water." (7) "Equitable Tax Evaluation." (8) "Keeping Up With Education."

I wish to include with my testimony excerpts from an editorial written by Dale E. Belles, Jr., editor of the Gary, Ind., Post Tribune, the following inserted on February 20, 1966.

(1) Gary shares the President's view that "1966 can be the year of rebirth for American cities." It was beginning to demonstrate before the Presidential program was outlined that it meets its requirements of being one of "those cities who help themselves" and where there "is a serious commitment to the project on the part of local * * * authorities."

(2) Gary's city council during the past year has formally adopted a previously promulgated metropolitan plan, sharing with the President the view that it "should be an instrument for sharpening sound urban growth—not a neglected document."

(3) Gary's city council, with urging of civic leadership, adopted last year probably the most liberal open-housing ordinance of any city in the Nation, exhibiting its realization of the Presidential point that "at the center of the cities' housing problem lies racial discrimination."

(4) On the opposite side, not negative exactly, but showing need—Gary is the core of an industrial area where increasing steel and other production insures