

Government to establish a new, separate program and in a small number of cities for the purpose of producing demonstrations.

I believe most people in our association will say that Charles Center in Baltimore is an impressive demonstration and Southwest Washington is an impressive demonstration and Constitution Plaza and many other projects that have been done with this do set an example for cities.

We are not at all clear as to why it is felt that now, after all these years of rather close cooperation with the cities, there is a need to demonstrate that the program will work.

As to facing up, that was heard throughout the discussions of the 1954 act which moved the previous urban redevelopment program into a broader range so as to put the label urban renewal on it. The key to that was that the Federal assistance to be made available to the cities would not be on a grab-bag basis, but only for those cities that faced up to their own obligations, using their own resources and own powers. Many governmental powers that must be used in this field do not belong to the Federal Government. There are certain police actions in the field of health and safety that only the municipal government can take and so the theory of the 1954 act which our organization endorsed, was that to qualify for this Federal cooperation the city must face up. The city must make this series of commitments that it would do thus and so with its own power. That presumably has been imbedded in the policy of the urban renewal program since 1954.

But again, we are hearing now that the cities are to be given extra rewards for facing up. We feel that this is not consistent with the 1954 policy—with the 1954 act which was an assistance and was available only if the cities face up.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you. Mr. Fino?

Mr. FINO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Emlen, perhaps you are familiar with the demonstration city bill that I have introduced. My bill provides that the coordinator be changed, the Federal coordinator title be changed to "information officer." It generally tries to eliminate the connotation of the heavy hand of Federal control in this whole picture.

Do you think this would be a better approach, this change of title of this coordinator?

Mr. EMLLEN. Mr. Fino, our answer I think would be that if the demonstration city program were enacted, and this additional money was to be made available, then why aren't the people of the United States entitled to have a Federal coordinator to watch over the money that is being put into these cities?

My answer would be, "We don't want either." But if it were enacted, the Federal coordinator, it seems to me, isn't a very important part of it and we wouldn't object to his being there if the bill were enacted.

Mr. FINO. Well, some fear has been expressed that the so-called Federal coordinators will change building codes, change building laws—this is the fear that some have—that city administrations will reorganize themselves along their own ideas and suggestions. How do you feel about that? Forget about the title. You say you are not so much concerned about that. How would you like to have a fellow come in and do that?