

Mr. EMLIN. I was here when you used the word "commissar" and I saw your article in the Wall Street Journal and I think that it is likely to be implicit in the appointment of this person that politics could enter into it and pressure from the Federal level. It is possible, I suppose, that this coordinator would have a useful purpose to be looking after Federal money.

It is a difficult question to answer because I am against the bill, so therefore, I am against the coordinator. However, I do see the usefulness of having somebody there to watch things.

Mr. WILLIAMSON. If the cities are going to come to the Federal Government for money to help solve problems which are inherently local, I think they must accept a good degree of Federal direction, even more than mere coordination, because somebody has to be responsible for the public interest. If it is Federal money, the Federal Government has to have its finger in it.

Mr. FINO. This brings into light the statement made in Secretary Weaver's book, "The Urban Complex" where he said, "We seek to recapture control of the use of the land, most of which the Government has already given to the people."

Under the demonstration cities bill the Federal Government will take almost the entire cost of these programs. Do you think it is accurate to say that the aim of these wholesale subsidies is to have increased Federal power more than anything else?

Mr. EMLIN. Yes, we feel that way. Our association very definitely, in our discussions, reflects that opinion.

Mr. FINO. Following that line of thought, do you think this bill gives the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development—gives him too much over any city in this program?

Mr. EMLIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. FINO. There is also fear, and I have read this in several magazines, there is also fear that this kind of program will divide the country into new Federal community development districts, a new political unit, which will look to the Federal Government rather than to the State for guidance and direction, that this will be a first step in a master plan to bring complete economic and social changes to rural areas. Would you care to comment on that?

Mr. EMLIN. I think that much of the statement you just made reflects my reaction to Dr. Weaver's 32-page statement last week. I think it runs all through his testimony and comes out exactly the way you stated it.

Mr. FINO. Would you prefer to see demonstration city funds restricted to use in slum areas of our cities with the unrelated Federal programs being totally divorced from the demonstration cities program?

Mr. WILLIAMSON. You mean to have the demonstrations provided to the cities to do this job, but not relate them to increasing the Federal share of specific Federal grant-in-aid programs?

Mr. FINO. Yes.

Mr. WILLIAMSON. The question is whether the Federal grant-in-aid programs are adequate to do the job. We think they are with the existing ratio. We think the communities haven't exploited these programs as efficiently as they should. We think there has been too much apathy and too much indifference. We think that local officials