

In our city it is relatively new. I can well imagine the problems in the east and midwest.

I would be inclined to think again that \$2.3 billion undoubtedly would be an excellent start, but if anyone had the idea that this would be—put our urban centers, cure the ills we are trying to—not that we will ever cure them, but make anything more than a good start, I think they are kidding themselves.

Mrs. DWYER. You take the position then, of one mayor who talked about the figure of \$10 billion.

Mr. CURRIGAN. They undoubtedly have done some research. Undoubtedly I would be inclined to agree with them, because I am sure they would not just pull it out of the air.

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Mayor, I would like to ask you another question, as to your estimates of Denver needs.

We are in the process of voting \$13 billion for the war in Vietnam. The war would seem to be going on far into the future. In view of this, do you think that we should limit the number of cities to something less than 70 cities we so often hear of as the top administration goal?

Mr. CURRIGAN. Well, now, in weighing this with the Vietnam situation? In spite of all of our needs of our communities—and I do think that in some respects that our cities have been let go too long on our home front. I would have to—when you are putting it on that basis, even though the decision would be very difficult, I would be very wrong in my own mind to put our local situation ahead of our needs in Vietnam. In other words, to put it bluntly, while the plight of our cities is severely critical, priorities must be assigned, and we would have to say Vietnam comes first. Of course, you have to adjust yourself accordingly later on, as we do in our own city budgets. There are things that have higher priorities. You would like to do a lot of things. But, after all, you must be practical and you must be human, and you have to draw some lines. And this would probably have to be done here, too.

Mrs. DWYER. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. I really don't have any questions of the Mayor. I think he has made a very good, comprehensive statement.

As we get into the details and look at the \$2.3 billion included in the bill, I don't think any of us believe this is a realistic figure as to what is eventually going to be needed. We know that no matter how many cities—if this legislation is passed—would be awarded the necessary go-ahead for a demonstration program, they could not use the entire amount needed in 1 year or 6 years. On the other hand, we would hope that if this legislation is passed more money would be appropriated as the plans developed and as the needs were demonstrated.

Mr. Mayor, there is a further point I should make. In order to pass such a program we will need the support of Congressmen who—they may not be directly involved—but who could see, and recognize, the needs in the big cities where this kind of realistic planning is necessary. And I think we would have to figure on getting four good votes from Colorado, if this is going to be accomplished.

Mr. CURRIGAN. I would have to agree.