

everywhere to relocate, not have the problem of Gladstone, which, admittedly, is a problem of relocation.

Now, I cannot agree with Mr. Widnall, with all due respect to him, that Erie View was not a human renewal achievement, and I will tell you why.

East Ninth Street, from substantially the Cathedral south to the lake, on both sides of East Ninth Street was an area that I know well. As a young lawyer I would walk from my office down and cover the docket at both municipal court and common pleas court. It required that I walk down Ninth Street.

East Ninth Street, ladies and gentlemen of this committee, you won't believe what it was. It was made up of saloons, wine stores, secondhand stores, the gypsy fortune teller places, secondhand stores of all kinds and descriptions, and one of the worst and most tawdry areas you can imagine.

Let me tell you what is there now.

There is this lovely plaza in front of a 42-story office building that is already 90 percent rented. And we were arguing about it when I was here 2 years ago. It is already rented.

MR. WIDNALL. How much moderate- and low-income housing do you have in Erie View?

MR. LOCHER. Erie View is downtown Cleveland, Mr. Chairman, never designed for moderate- or low-income housing. The land would not support it. Nobody with any business acumen would suggest it.

We do, however, have downtown apartments going up in Erie View right at this moment, and the foundations are now being built, and it is already rented. And that is at 12th and Chester. That is Erie View. I am proud of it. It has done human renewal.

MR. WIDNALL. Mr. Chairman, I am sure I have gone overtime. I would like to have a chance to question the witness further.

MR. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

MRS. SULLIVAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to apologize to the mayor for not being here when he began to testify. I had to go to another committee to testify on one of my own bills, on tire safety, which I think is rather important right now.

I have read part of the statement as you were being questioned, Mr. Mayor. I think you have brought out some excellent examples of things that need to be done, and brought out excellent points regarding the programs contained in this bill. It is a bill that I think is far-sighted. Unless we do something to coordinate all of these plans for rebuilding the city and bettering the conditions of its people in the entire urban area, we are going to be in trouble.

I appreciate what you have told us. Thank you.

MR. LOCHER. Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan.

MR. BARRETT. Mr. Mayor, before we call on the next committee member, I note that you have some associates with you. Would you want to bring them up to the table?

MR. LOCHER. Yes. I would like Mr. Friedman—Mr. James Friedman—acting director of urban renewal, on my left. And we also have the chap whom I referred to in my opening remarks as being the liaison between the city of Cleveland and the Federal Government bureaus and departments, and his name is Mr. Irwin Silbert.