

So what I ask is that your draftsmanship on this legislation be designed for the capability of the people to whom we need to give priority.

Mr. BARRETT. Will the gentleman just yield to me to answer the question put to the Chair? You wanted to know the desire of the committee on the basis of this type project.

I think the committee, and I do think the gentleman from Cleveland knows, we are hopeful that we can obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing, dwellings for people who are in real need. We are not interested in creating a condition from which one may make an exorbitant profit. We are interested in the people who are in dire need of good housing, good environment, substantial education—assistance. This is the purpose of this committee and not give any individual contractor or builder any opportunity to make dollars that he is not entitled to.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman, I concur with everything and precisely with what the chairman says. As a matter of fact, I am responsible with the rest of the members of the committee for the 221(d)(3) sections, because I was here in sharing your responsibility at the time we passed that legislation. I did not realize, as I am sure the members of the committee did not realize, that we were creating so many handicaps and so many difficulties for the very group of people we were trying to help. I just want to say, as I sum up my statement, that I hope that in the demonstration cities program, there will be some easier formula or simplification of these forms.

The chairman mentioned something about someone making profits. I think we have to provide some profit incentive for people who are commercially in the business of rehabilitating areas. I think this is an essential part of the program. But I do feel that we ought to direct the rehabilitation housing and the rehousing efforts toward the true low-income citizens who so desperately need a place that is decent, safe, and clean in which to live and which is within their income capacity.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Vanik, you made a very splendid statement here and your testimony will be very carefully looked into and studied in the interests of these people about whom you spoke.

Mr. VANIK. I ask one other request. I would like to put into the record some newspaper statements on project HOPE (housing our people economically) which describe it and I think would be helpful to the committee.

Mr. BARRETT. That may be done without objection and is so ordered. (The newspaper clippings referred to follow:)

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AID COMPLAINS—HOUGH REHABILITATION SNARLED IN RED TAPE

(By Donald Sabath)

Until last year, the word rehabilitation meant little to the residents left behind in the Hough section of the University-Euclid urban renewal project.

For 4 years, there was too much talk and not enough action to stop the spread of blight and slums in the 870-acre East Side project.