

5. We have developed an unusual project in Philadelphia's skid row, an adventure in human renewal which includes treatment of individuals on a case basis, consisting of interview, diagnosis, recommended treatment, and continuous followup on the progress being made.

I spent some time in that particular area of Philadelphia yesterday, and I was amazed at the change in the total atmosphere because of the help being given to the unfortunate persons who find themselves cast up on the shoals of the rapid-running stream of life that we are experiencing today.

6. Tying directly in with the long-range goals for the improvement of our communities set forth in the comprehensive plan for the city, we have annually developed a 6-year schedule of public capital expenditures since 1945. This is updated and set forth each year as an ordinance of our city council. For the entire city the current commitment in the capital budget for 1966 amounts to \$157 million. Our total 6-year capital program approaches \$1 billion, reflecting local and Federal funding for capital projects.

However impressive these programs are, members of this committee, the disturbing fact emerges from this review that these programs have been and remain more a statement of what we would like to accomplish rather than what we are in fact achieving. This is to say, Philadelphia, in common with all of our major cities, must call again upon the Federal Government for an increase in funds to meet the physical and social needs of its citizenry.

I should like to review here the magnitude of the problem, just in one area of this city alone which could be the target for full and comprehensive treatment upon enactment of the demonstration cities program. North Philadelphia constitutes the single most deteriorated, socially cancerous and economically depressed area in the entire city. The area can be described by a few representative physical dimensions: 5,000 acres on which 108,000 dwelling units provide shelter for 341,000 people. Of these 108,000 dwelling units, only 71,000 are considered sound, 28,000 are substandard, and nearly 9,000 vacant structures and trash- and junk-collecting lots located there comprise nearly 50 percent of all properties so classified in the entire city.

But even this is not the complete picture. I must invite your attention to the human aspects of this portion of the city which contains but 14.5 percent of the city's total population, but is characterized by the following depressing set of social statistics.

North Philadelphia as a percent of total city of Philadelphia

Percent of city births.....	18.6
Percent of illegitimate births.....	39.2
Percent of dependent children (total cost borne entirely by city of Philadelphia in 1966—\$12,113,425).....	52.1
Percent of juvenile contact with police.....	26.4
Percent of old-age assistance.....	36.0

To speak of this area in words alone, however, we may risk losing its full impact. For this reason, I ask your indulgence—but I am sure you will find it most helpful for your understanding to look at the charts we have brought with us today. [Mayor Tate went to the charts for explanation.]