

proposed 6-year demonstration program for this area can be expanded to 22 new schools instead of just 12, and 23 recreational centers instead of just 6 at a cost of \$180 million.

This is a comprehensive plan which will serve the people there, giving them real homes, really fine American living, in our modern urban society. Not only decent shelter but decent recreation and a decent place to send the kids to schools so they can get the education they need in order to compete on equal terms in our society.

The total 6-year demonstration program is shown on this multi-colored map here [indicating], the blue refers to the new public schools—22. We have discussed this with the staff of the new board of education and they are prepared to face this challenge; 23 new recreation centers and playgrounds which are marked in blue and green next to each other.

The proposed 5,000 to 8,000 new housing units are marked in dark brown and there are 28,000 houses which can be rehabilitated under this new housing program through the combined efforts of the Federal and city governments and our new nonprofit housing corporation. Finally, we show 16 new commercial and public administration centers in the area. The total plan then includes six major centers, six minor centers, schools and recreation, commercial centers and government facilities. It involves 400 city blocks, 1,400 acres, 70 blocks of clearance for housing. This is a master plan, a comprehensive plan provided by the planning commission and a real blueprint for the future.

Just as my very good friend, Mayor Richard Daley, of Chicago, said at one of the meetings of the executive committee of the National League of Cities, this is the kind of plan we need. Instead of providing satellite cities, which must be superimposed upon the landscape outside the main boundaries of the cities, you take that satellite city and place it into the blighted area to provide good living conditions for people who live there and deserve them.

That is principally my story, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I believe this is an outline of a demonstration program in action, and one which also demonstrates that we in Philadelphia are prepared to execute it.

On a very conservative basis our technicians have estimated that the execution of this plan will call for investments and expenditures in excess of \$400 million. What we consider most important and unique here is the social betterment programing that the demonstration cities bill makes possible, so that for the first time physical and human improvement can be carried on simultaneously. However, you must clearly understand that presently this plan is scheduled as part of a total development program designed to be consistent with present patterns of Federal grant-in-aid program funding and local financial resources.

Limited in this way, we expect that this plan would take 25 years to complete. You will then understand the sense of urgency, which brings me before you today to appeal to you for the passage of this bill. For it would permit us to compress the North Philadelphia plan into a 6-year period.