

of Detroit, Mayor Lindsay of New York, Mayor Daley of Chicago all have stated with great candor that the entire \$2.3 billion appropriation could be used exclusively for rejuvenating neighborhoods in their own cities.

Asked how much he believed New York City would need to carry out one demonstration program, Mayor Lindsay told you frankly that perhaps \$600 million would make a "dent" in a single neighborhood.

I estimate that with between 60 and 70 cities participating in this program, as outlined by Secretary Robert C. Weaver, that New York City can reasonably expect to receive over the 5-year period no more than \$250 million. That would amount to about \$50 million a year, presumably to be funneled into more than one demonstration area.

In New York, it would be cruel and unconscionable to plan a demonstration project for Harlem but not one for the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

Reliable estimates place the number of persons in New York City living in poverty stricken households at more than 1.5 million. Furthermore, it is believed that nearly 290,000 of the city's 3 million housing units are substandard. New York City's welfare program costs have soared to more than half a billion dollars. Since 1949, New York has received an aggregate of only \$286 million in Federal funds for urban renewal, a program for which a total of \$5.3 billion has been spent nationwide.

Clearly \$50 million a year in supplementary grants for New York is not going to result in dramatic improvements in life in our slums.

In his message on cities in January 26, 1966, the President suggested for the largest qualifying cities a program could provide decent housing for 5,000 families, rehabilitate housing for some 50,000 families and involve a total of 35,000 units or 100,000 people.

There are a couple of ways to deal with the obvious inadequacy of the appropriation. One is to pare the number of cities that will participate, perhaps to a dozen or so. The other method would be to increase the appropriation. The latter course should be followed. Either make the entire \$2.3 billion available the first year or specifically provide \$10 billion over the next 5 years, a more realistic figure to my mind. While this is moon money, only this amount will assure that the entire constellation of Federal programs now available can be made to have an impact on the galaxy of problems facing us.

But let us not lose faith in this undertaking even if we cannot at the outset obtain the volume of money that is needed for the task ahead.

I would like to turn now to another aspect of the bill that concerns me. In his testimony on the opening day of the hearings, Secretary Weaver said of the proposed Federal coordinator that would be created by the bill for each demonstration program:

This legislation makes clear that the Federal coordinator will not be appointed until after the demonstration program is approved. The Federal coordinator will not, therefore, be involved in the planning and development of the city's demonstration program.

I emphasize both "nots."

I am greatly disturbed by this statement for two reasons. It seems to me that it is precisely in the early planning stages that the local