

we have been able to provide relocation for these people. So we have expended money through private investment mainly and through public housing.

Mr. WIDNALL. Just one more question. If you are included in the demonstration cities program—of course there are not going to be too many cities that can be—what percentage of funds would you say would go to urban renewal roughly? About what percentage?

Mr. PAYROW. I would say about a third.

Mr. WIDNALL. That is all, thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. All the time has expired. We are certainly grateful for your coming here.

Mr. PAYROW. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness this morning will be Dr. Blue Carstenson, director of the Senior Members Council, National Farmers Union. Will the doctor come forward, please?

We are grateful for your coming here. I see you have an associate. Will you introduce him for the record?

Dr. CARSTENSON. Mr. Walter Hasty, who is the assistant director of legislation for the National Farmers Union and director of community development for the National Farmers Union is testifying jointly with me. We would like to submit the statement for the record and I would like to make a few opening remarks and ask Mr. Hasty to comment on several major items and then for me to point out the other things.

Mr. BARRETT. Your statement may be submitted; without objection it is so ordered.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF WALTER A. HASTY, JR., ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR; AND BLUE CARSTENSON, DIRECTOR, SENIOR MEMBER DIVISION, NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

We appreciate the opportunity to present our testimony before your committee and wish to express our appreciation for the work of this committee on the 1965 Housing Act. We are especially grateful that despite the excellent program enacted into law last year, this committee realizes there is still much to do in creating better housing and a better America.

The National Farmers Union represents more than 600,000 people living on family farms throughout the United States. We are primarily concerned with housing for the farm family. Farmers Union is also firmly committed to the idea that rural and urban people need not be pitted one against the other, and that blight and poverty in one area affects the entire Nation.

For this reason we come before you in support of the proposed demonstration cities program. We have read the bill and feel that it can have a significant impact on the problem of poverty, slums, and blight in urban areas.

We feel the suggestions about the demonstration cities program made by Mr. Shishkin of the AFL-CIO, and Mr. Nathan Keith of the National Housing Conference to be particularly constructive. We urge your serious consideration of the ideas which they have presented, especially in regard to relocation, urban renewal, and low-income rental housing.

However good these programs may be, the recent riots in Watts points to a basic weakness in the bills currently before your committee. For rural people it is too late to start planning after they arrive in the big city and settle in the slums and blighted areas of our metropolitan cities. It is already too late—except with the most expensive and strenuous efforts. As the newspaper writers have said, "the people in Watts have no bootstraps."

Congress should not permit the destruction of the family farm and the downgrading of farm families so that they are forced out at the bottom and forced into the city slums.