

The problem can be licked and will be licked—remember in the highway program they said we couldn't afford it—and the economic savings will be \$5 million a year on the program which the Federal Government is putting about \$4 billion, plus saving about 10,000 lives each year on the highways. In the last 2 weekends on Christmas and New Years combined we killed more American people on our streets and highways and byways at home than were killed the whole previous year in Vietnam in the war. We have that type of slaughter in 2 weeks.

In Vietnam we would be ready to drop the atom bomb, there would be such a furor. Yet it happens at home and you are lucky to get 3 inches of space on your newspaper.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the patience of the members putting up with me, and the chairman for giving me this time.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Blatnik, you have given us a very exciting and helpful statement. I wonder if you might comment on your trip to Germany this year when you accompanied the Secretary of the Interior. I am particularly interested in the way the technology development is funded.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jones made that trip; although I was asked to go along at that time with him, I couldn't.

Mr. DADDARIO. I know Mr. Jones was on the trip and I thought you were too.

Mr. BLATNIK. No; I couldn't make it.

Mr. DADDARIO. Fine. We will wait to hear from him.

Mr. BLATNIK. You were working with desalination on arid areas which is extremely important, but at the same time we also ought to be working in these arid areas where we have an abundance of gas and petroleum on burning, you know, human waste which can be done very effectively. All you will have left is steam and dry ash that goes up into the air and here we are working at great expense to get water through desalination which is important and needed, but to use that expensively produced water as merely a conveyance to carry away human waste and then build other plants in addition to remove that waste doesn't make sense.

Getting back to this idea for needs of new concepts and breaking away from the old stereotypes is another matter I would like to mention.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Blatnik, did I understand you to say your committee is asking for \$50 million?

Mr. BLATNIK. It is not that our committee is asking for it. It is legislation before us and also has been before the other body that calls for that amount of money.

Mr. MOSHER. How would this be administered?

Mr. BLATNIK. Through the water pollution administrator which is now in the Department of Interior.

Mr. MOSHER. Is the Congress likely to appropriate \$50 million for this purpose?

Mr. BLATNIK. I hope. Speaking only for myself, I shall urge it, and I think we have good enough case to support it.

Mr. MOSHER. How much has that agency been using in the past? How much is it using this year?

Mr. BLATNIK. Under \$5 million. It was authorized about 5 years ago, but your appropriations were at a low level beginning at a million,