

finish our third year of the war on poverty. Many of us have complained about the administrative bungling and the fast approval of programs without thought, without planning, and the waste involved.

This separate program we are now pushing real hard to get underway. It is not a summer program but we are pushing it for the summer months so that it will help in our long hot summer. I will quote from several people and I would like your comments.

James Banks, former UPO Director here in Washington says:

The Government's whole method of approaching summer is a crazy, illogical, emotional response to a problem which deserves more serious consideration. There is something rather immoral about it. The Government's response is "Let us keep down riots and violence" rather than let us eliminate the causes of riots and violence.

Mitchell Sviridoff, director of the New York City Human Resources Administration:

It's a hell of a way to run a public program. It is unhealthy. What it does is inform people that the way to get some money is to have a riot or threaten one.

(The following letter was received for the record from Mr. Sviridoff:)

THE CITY OF NEW YORK HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION,
New York, N.Y., July 19, 1967.

Congressman CARL D. PERKINS,
Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I understand that I was quoted on June 12 and June 22 during the hearings held by the House Education and Labor Committee on H.R. 8311, and would like to make certain that my position is clear.

In my opinion, the Concentrated Employment Program is one of the most promising manpower efforts ever initiated by the Department of Labor. I enthusiastically support it. I also support summer programs. It's just that I do not believe that in themselves, summer programs are enough.

I would appreciate it if you would include this letter as part of the official record.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL SVIRIDOFF, *Administrator.*

Mr. GOODELL. Out in Los Angeles—I know Mr. Hawkins has been involved in this—they were first told it was \$10 million, then told they would get \$15 million, finally \$8 million.

Recently, the AFL-CIO representative on the community action board said:

I think the whole thing is going to be a failure. All we are doing is spending \$8 million to put poor people in competition with other people already out of jobs.

This kind of thing happening now, in our third year, at the conclusion of the third year, is rather incredible. It bothers a great many of us. It is part of the reason why many of us are proposing some new administrative measures here.

Not long ago Dr. Frank Reisman of NYU, who was the author or co-author of "New Careers for the Poor" posed the issue. He said:

Switching emphasis from Community Action poses an enormous danger that we will have just another make work, anti-riot, keep summer cool program.

I would like your comments on the buildup here of the concentrated employment program known as CEP and why we have had this kind of operation in setting it up.