

The same thing is true in space. We are going to find no matter how good this program is or the total effort of this program or even if the opportunity crusade were enacted we are going to find I guarantee you that the rate will not be as easy in the future as it has in the past.

The work gets tougher every year because we are dealing with more difficult cases.

Mr. GOODELL. You know I agree with that. The dispute is just what is the best way to go about it.

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't think the record made it clear that you did agree with me.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scheuer.

Mr. SCHEUER. I think the question is exactly the last sentence that my colleague from New York was describing the best way the Government should go about it. That is why I have always sat back in rapt amazement when our Republican colleagues tell us that we should let local communities handle the problem of poverty.

It is obvious to me for half a century the local communities, State communities, have been ignoring the problem of poverty.

I would like to welcome you today, Mr. Shriver and congratulate you, too, but for something other than what you have been congratulated on before.

I wouldn't congratulate you on the smoothness with which this program has been administered or the fact that some mistakes have been made. As you have said this is not a smooth, neat program, it is not susceptible of a smooth, neat answer. Mistakes have been made. The problems are ugly problems, complicated problems.

I think our colleagues on the other side of the aisle like to see nice, neat, simple answers to the problems of our society. Unfortunately the problems are not very susceptible to nice, neat, simple answers. We don't know all the answers. We don't know many of the answers to get the people out of poverty.

What I want to congratulate you on, and this is the indispensable and unique role that your agency plays, is the courage and professionalism and resourcefulness and creativity with which you go after the unique, sensitive and sometimes explicit problems of poverty.

This is the overlying reason why these programs cannot simply be atomized and given back to the regular executive branch agency.

I want to congratulate you. I am not going to ask you whether you want to be congratulated because maybe you don't want to be congratulated. The thing I think you deserve the most congratulation on is your willingness to be a change agent, to change the institutions of our society that have failed the poor, to change the education establishment which under the competition they become more and more enthusiastic every month. They are accepting the parent outreach which for decades the education establishment refused to accept.

Your changing the institution of health services, your community health services in the Bronx and in Denver and Boston are starting a ripple of change in the education establishment.

The AMA finally now has gotten into the business of providing health services in the community with the involvement of the poor. The same thing goes for the whole business of job training and employment.