

Mr. GIBBONS. May I comment a little further there?

I agree that the purpose of establishing the centers should never be one of trying to cool off a long hot summer. I think that is a perversion of the thrust of the program. I certainly don't encourage that.

I have perhaps been in 40 or 50 neighborhood service centers around the United States. I really think it is a great idea. They are doing a fine job every place I have been, particularly where they involve strong programs of job development, and on-the-job training. These seem to be most effective every place as being areas of hope.

I hope we will be able to fund all the rest of these centers because they really are effective tools in getting the job done.

Mr. SHRIVER. There is a chart there I notice on the floor showing what a center in Chicago looked like, in the Lawndale area of Chicago. I think last summer there were disturbances in Lawndale. It shows in a pictorial sort of department store setup how one of those centers operates. You can see they have Headstart classes, they have tutoring for youth, teenage kids. They have a program out there of rat eradication. They call it rodent and vermin control which is operated out of these centers.

They have building code violations where the people who work out of the center, the poor people look over the buildings, assisting the building department in the city that way. They have initial interviewing for Job Corps candidates. They have small business loan programs. They have recreational cultural enrichment summer programs, manpower programs, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Legal Aid and in one case in Chicago particularly they have about eight or nine of these; they have Upward Bound clubs in these centers for the kids who are upward bound in the college. They have an ongoing program the year around that operates a center like this.

So you can see it is a place which brings together a whole spectrum of services and activities. To the extent that it is something like this in the bigger city it becomes, as Ted just said, a social anchor, it is a social center—I will not call it a progress center, which is extremely valuable in the neighborhood the year around, not just a riot gun.

I was in one in Princeton, Mo., last week that was in a small frame-house that belonged to a private citizen there who gave it to the Community Action Agency as a center. In that center they had Headstart classes. They also had something I have never seen before. They had a whole room full of clothes, children's, women's, and men's clothes which had been donated by the people of the town, very small town, 1,400 people. The poorest people of the town could come to that center and get these clothes.

The whole thing was very inexpensive because the house had been given by a locally independent citizen. It was staffed I think by just one person, but it was serving for what that community apparently needed for the poor and for outreach to the poor. So they go all the way from a rather elaborate multistory thing like that to a private home in a town where you could not possibly know that it was an urban progress center or neighborhood center. It is just another house on the street.

Mr. GIBBONS. The charts that have been prepared by OEO for this presentation at this time are so outstanding I would ask unanimous