

of frustration that you don't apparently have the sense of the rightness of your own program that many of us on this side feel that you should have.

I think your programs, particularly in the preschoolchild-development area have been—and I use the words advisedly—marvelously effective in their impact, in their proliferating effect and in the ventilation that they have given the whole educational establishment, and I can only wish that you had the confidence and sureness that you were on the right track that would stimulate you to ask for a budget and a scale of operations that would be meaningful.

I think this goes to a lot of poverty programs. When all the dust settles and the smoke clears, sure, it is possible to nit-pick on many of these programs, and I will be in the forefront of the nit-pickers because we are all eager to improve, but basically taking an amount-of-interest point of view, your programs have been right.

This goes to the preschoolchild-development programs, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Job Corps, and all the rest. I wish you were meeting a vastly increased bite of your total constituency and I hope that some day soon you will get out of the research and experimentation and pilot frame of mind and come up to the Hill with operating programs that really meet full-fledged the challenge of poverty, the dimensions of the poverty group, and show us how we can get on with doing the job we want to do.

Do you wish to respond to that, Mr. Shriver?

Mr. SHRIVER. My reaction is that I think you might say everybody in the executive branch feels the same way. I think the President has sent over a budget that is a 25-percent increase in dollars over last year. Many people here take the attitude that an increase of those dimensions is financially impossible for the United States.

I personally believe that if we can get the budget that we asked for, that it will be a great step forward for the programs that we are attempting to proliferate, and secondly, I think that it will be a tremendous step in the right direction by the Congress.

Mr. SCHEUER. We have some education to do in the Congress. There is no question about it. I hope instead of a 25-percent increase, you will be talking about adding some zeros to your program and I am talking about more than one zero.

Mr. SHRIVER. As I have said, the Congress has the purse strings, that is correct, the House does, and I think the President deserves credit for coming here with an increase suggested for this agency for the year, particularly in view of the widespread statements by Congressmen and others that that kind of money is not available for these programs.

Therefore, I think that the budget we have asked for and the President has set up here is a significant budget and that it would be fine if the Congress would adopt that budget.

Mr. SCHEUER. I want to congratulate you. I feel the entire poverty program has worked very well with all of the mistakes I feel that have been perhaps overemphasized on both sides of the isle and have been blown up in the press. Surely your efforts in the preschool area have been monumentally significant and I look forward to where we can really get on with the job.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Goodell.