

The latest unemployment rate for the poverty areas of Cleveland is 15.5 percent. Many of these unemployed are the youngsters in families who scrape by on \$3,500 per year. These unemployable young people are a grievous burden on their families. They want to work but cannot. One major reason why they are left out is the ridiculously low level of maximum allowable income of \$3,200 for urban families of four, two or three of whom can be unemployed at a time.

The extent of the problem of unemployment is so grave as to warrant every possible consideration for solution. The increase in the income level by these family groups would improve chances of employment of many thousands of these young people.

I have determined that over 500 youth were turned away during the application week for Neighborhood Youth Corps inschool program solely because their families were several hundred dollars over the maximum poverty income level. What are these young people to do?

In addition, Mr. Chairman, I wish to comment upon the proposal known as the Summer Camp Act of 1967. Through my office, I attempted to obtain the U.S. Army's Ravenna Arsenal site and/or Camp Perry for use as a summer camp. I took this action independent of any knowledge that such a proposal had become a part of the economic opportunity amendments.

My own reason for attempting to obtain this land for summer camp purposes was based upon the fact that so many young people under 15 years of age currently have no employment activities available to them. The disturbances that have occurred this year in my city involved many young people below 15 years of age who were deeply involved because they had nothing to do.

As a result, I requested Secretary McNamara to release the Army-owned property of the Ravenna site, south of Cleveland, or the Camp Perry site, which is Army leased to conduct the National Rifle Association national pistol and rifle matches in the months of August and September.

The Federal Government currently subsidizes the sharpshooting matches to the tune of \$2.7 million in funds that we can determine. As some of you are aware, I am sure, I attempted to have deleted from the defense budget the subsidy of this event, as well as other civilian marksman activities in which travel, weapons, and billeting are now subsidized by the Federal Government.

These issues aside, it is imperative that additional fresh-air recreation facilities be developed to serve youngsters from our urban areas. The environment which now exists in most urban areas in which there is overpopulation and lack of recreation facilities is intolerable.

The Federal Government, with its resources in land and, in some instances, housing and feeding, must be brought to bear in seeking adequate solutions to the problem of the inner-city youngsters.

I am proud to note, notwithstanding the critical squeeze which now exists in existing camping facilities in and around the Cleveland area, that officials of Cleveland camps have already agree to and have implemented a program to add 1,500 youngsters to their existing facilities.

These youngsters are from the inner city and will receive, free of