

Mr. BIEMILLER. We certainly concur with your view that we want orderly law enforcement in the United States and we have no quarrel with your statement.

Not only in the poverty program have there not been sufficient funds but in many other programs there have not been sufficient funds to deal with the problems of your ghettos and particularly the urban ghettos.

The AFL-CIO has consistently been before this committee and other committees of Congress urging the appropriation of larger sums of money for various types of programs that will not only eliminate poverty but will improve the slum areas as well.

I was appalled at the wisecracking about the bill which I thought was one of the most important bills to come before this Congress—the rat control bill. I think it is a bad day when such examples are displayed with respect to the model cities, the wiping out of the rent supplemental programs, the cutbacks in the education program, if you will, Mr. Chairman, which is not the fault of this committee.

I am talking about the Congress as a whole. I think all of these cutbacks have had a very bad effect on the situation in our ghettos.

I deplore rioting as much as any man in America. I don't think it solves anything, but I am fearful that as long as the very deplorable conditions continue, both the physical conditions of our ghettos and the hopelessness of many of the people who live in the ghettos in terms of seeing any job opportunities that we have the kind of a situation that opposites to one of two things—either incident which no one can predict which will spark off the bad feeling which exists in these areas or the possibility of playing into the hands of professional agitators.

I am very disturbed at the statement I heard yesterday on TV by Stokeley Carmichael speaking from Cuba at a meeting Castro has called to promote guerrilla warfare in the Americas in which Stokeley Carmichael said he was going to try to organize guerrilla bands in the United States. Certainly we are against everything Castro stands for and we are against Mao-type communism as well as Soviet-type communism.

If we are going to allow the conditions that now continue in our ghettos, we will have an open invitation to the kind of thing that has been happening.

I, for one, and I know I speak for the labor movement on this, would implore the Congress to take a look at this problem of discontent and the reasons for that discontent in our urban areas and do everything possible to strengthen every program which in any way can cure the problems of our ghettos.

Chairman PERKINS. Would you care to comment, Mr. Rothman?

Mr. ROTHMAN. I would concur absolutely with everything Mr. Biemiller has said. I am quite in agreement with him.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Pucinski.

Mr. PUCINSKI. I certainly want to congratulate you on this excellent statement. As a matter of fact, I am going to depart from custom since your statement is in the record and I am going to put this statement in the Congressional Record today.

While the politicians are arguing all over the country as to who is responsible for what is happening in the cities, you have come forth with a constructive program, and I agree with you.