

the regular vocational schools have not gotten colored people into them to the same extent that we are able to get them into these programs under the Job Corps and things of that sort.

So to say that we are going to shift this program to the vocational schools of this country would merely mean that we are going to shift the Negroes out, and we are going to consign them to a category of persons who are not skilled.

This gentleman from Ohio who was here happens to come from a State where we have had to go into court just to get colored people opportunities to work at skilled trades and become apprentices, and get into certain kinds of things in vocational schools even if they are going to work on State-financed projects.

Now I can't see how, in any fair program, it would be suggested that we be again thrown into a den of lions, as far as vocational training is concerned.

I heard the gentleman from Florida speaking and talking about how we should transfer this program to the Florida schools. They are the worst foot draggers in the country as far as desegregation is concerned. They are under sanctions from NEA.

When we say give it to vocational schools, gentlemen, or the Florida education system, we are saying, give it to more discriminators, and of course, the colored people of the country are expected to accept that and assume they are being treated fairly by their Government.

I would like to say another thing, which I think is awfully important in this picture:

There has been, in my judgment, a most unfair attack on the President of the United States in connection with some of the disturbances. As I have said these disturbances are in large part directly traceable to some of the failures on the part of the Government. In my judgment, this has not been the President's fault. All of us know that when the President starts trying to spend the money for some of these programs, there is a great hue and cry about economy.

In the city of Cambridge, Md., it is my personal belief, on the basis of facts I know first hand that that trouble could have been avoided if we had had more money with which to face some of the needs of that community.

It came to my attention that there was a great deal of community discontent about the fact that a swimming pool program was not in operation so that the adult, or young adult colored group could participate in it, and I understood that that was, while only one thing, it was a rallying point of discontent.

I understood further that there was a great deal of difficulty about the matter of jobs and housing. Well, I have brought this to the attention of people who were in a position to do something about it here in Washington, and the main reason why they couldn't do some of the things that needed to be done in that situation was because they just didn't have the money.

Now one of the agencies that could have acted but didn't have the money was the OEO. When the money was not forthcoming the demagogic group moved into the picture. I have no hesitancy about condemning demagogues.

The first newspaper assignment I ever covered as a reporter back in 1933 was a lynching of a Negro down in Princess Anne, Md., down on Maryland's eastern shore.