

I condemned those monsters then, and I condemned those who went down there and stirred up the people with racial animosity then.

But I say the people who live in Cambridge, Newark, Chicago, and New York, would not be susceptible to those kinds of appeals if our Government would not be the victim of these narrow, pennypinching types of activities which try to prevent money from going to where the people need it.

We don't hesitate to spend money for the betterment of pigs, and I think we should expend money for the betterment of pigs, because this is good for the economy of the country.

We don't hesitate to subsidize the airplanes and the railroads, and we waste an awful lot of money on rockets that go out into space and don't function. We don't say anything when we have a couple of million dollars in an airplane or rocket that fails, but let somebody in OEO or the Job Corps or something slip up just one little bit, and we are right at the throats of those people of that agency and trying to show that the program is no good.

Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that we have a duty to the people of this country. I am proud to say that circumstances and life make it possible for me to be a taxpayer to my Government, and I am proud that I am in a position to see my tax money spent for things that benefit the people of this country.

I consider the antipoverty program one of those kinds of programs.

I think we have a clear choice in this Nation. Either we are going to continue to spend our money in a way that is making it possible for every single human in this country to live decently, to be able to say to his children, "America is a land of opportunity," or we are going to have a thousand jungles around the country where people are going to fight on the lowest level for recognition.

I am happy to have enough faith in this country to believe that the great majority of our people are not going to revert to the law of the jungle for survival.

I think they are going to mobilize their political strength, their intelligence and their decency, and they are going to make America what it ought to be.

But I implore you gentlemen who are on this committee, and particularly the Republican Members, some of whom are my really dear friends, and very good on matters of civil rights, I implore them not to take chances at this time with the OEO program.

I implore you to spend more money trying to do the constructive things. I implore you not to turn this over to the agencies which have so long neglected this problem. The Employment Service would be the worst possible agency to which to give any of the functions of OEO.

I was in Newark last year, and one of the sad stories that came out in the papers there was one story which said that the Employment Service had more jobs available than it could fill.

In the same paper was another story which said that the rate of unemployment among Negroes was three times as high as the rate of unemployment among whites.

I have been busy with the Employment Service trying to find out why this is so. I get a lot of nice talk out of that agency, but I know why it is so. It is so because the Employment Service does not believe