

that it ought to be the agency which tries to place these people that it is difficult to place.

They want the easy placements. They don't want to get the kind of people that the chairman has been talking about, who are school drop-outs, who have to get specialized training in order to be put back into the mainstream of society.

But, gentlemen, we can't turn our backs on people like that. We have got to bring them into the mainstream of society. OEO is doing, in my judgment, a very credible job in that respect, and it would be a tragedy if we say we are going to turn this back to the same people who are responsible for the country being in the plight that it is now insofar as employment is concerned.

I have really come to the end of what I might say. As I said at the outset, my statement is incorporated in the record, but I would just like to close with a brief mention and comment about the investigation that the committee is undertaking in connection with the riots.

To me, it is fantastic that anyone would make the charge that workers from the OEO would be the starters of riots. It is incredible to me that that charge is dignified by an investigation. But in addition, I would worry about who is chosen to do that investigating. We have the FBI, which is a competent investigative agency; we have the Treasury Department, Secret Service, if we want to use them. We have all sorts of really competent investigators that we can send out to check on these things if we really want to check on them.

I would really worry about whether a group of investigators from a committee of Congress, under the present emotional circumstances, would be able to come back with a reliable report and I don't want to sound cynical, but experience has taught me the facts of life here in the Congress.

I would say, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, respectfully, that I doubt whether whatever is found in that investigation would change a single vote on this antipoverty program.

The only way we are going to change votes in this antipoverty program is for those who have now made up their minds that they are going to emasculate it and dismember it, to be human and considerate and merciful enough to continue this program in a way that is going to help the people who need to be benefited.

I thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you for an excellent statement, Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Hawkins?

Mr. HAWKINS. I agree with everything Mr. Mitchell has said, and the only question I would like to ask him—I assume the statement is going to be filed, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, it has already been ordered filed.

Mr. Quie?

Mr. QUIE. No questions.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Mitchell, do you feel that we have inadequately supported the antipoverty programs this far?

Mr. MITCHELL. Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. I support the position taken by Mayor Cavanaugh of Detroit. He said that he thought we needed \$3 billion to give adequate attention to the antipoverty program. I don't think Mr. Gibbons was being at all unrealistic when he