

cause, riots. When riots did occur, they were working next to the police and national guard to bring an end to the lawlessness.

In Elizabeth, N.J., for example, the director of the community action agency, after a night of high tension and some violence, convened a meeting of responsible adult leaders of the Negro community, helped them get up a list of requests, and acted as spokesman for the community in presenting these requests to the mayor.

The mayor agreed to most of the requests, which were concerned solely with actions to keep tensions down, including designation of a group of men from the community to tour the streets, talk to youngsters, and help keep the area calm.

They wore special identifying insignia bearing the legend "Peace Keeper" which had been selected by the mayor. So far, this band of "Peace Keepers" sometimes walking the streets until the early morning hours, has proved effective in sparing Elizabeth the agony of a riot.

Last weekend, I received a telegram which summarizes the effectiveness of the poverty workers. The telegram is from the mayor of Newark, Hugh J. Addonizio:

Let there be no mistake about my position in regard to the national antipoverty program. I support the program and all it has done to bring hope to many including thousands in my own city.

Any suggestion or interpretation of remarks attributed to me which suggest I am opposed to antipoverty programs are wrong. . . . There is no mayor anywhere in America who can say he wants the elimination of the anti-poverty program . . . programs such as our Legal Services Project, Head Start, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, our year-round pre-school and our summer recreation programs are now all indispensable parts of our community's life.

Newark and all our cities would be worse without these programs.

Whenever manmade tragedy strikes, it is popular to look for a scapegoat. But the time has come for action—not recrimination.

I suggest we adopt the position most eloquently stated by Senator Thruston Morton who said last Wednesday:

I deplore the irresponsibility of seeking to place blame for a national tragedy. Our time of troubles will not be remedied by blatant accusations and pious political posturing.

It is time also for the sense of urgent priorities which led Senator Morton to his recommendation that funds immediately be put into our cities to give jobs to the jobless and hope to the hopeless.

Mayor Cavanagh has just sent me this telegram which arrived last night and I would like to quote from it:

Employees and enrollees in the Detroit Community Action Program have been very helpful in minimizing the effects of the riot. No known employee of either the CAA or its delegate agencies have been involved in the riot.

Only three enrollees out of almost 5,000 in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, youth service corps, and other antipoverty efforts, have been accused of involvement in the rioting and looting.

Had it not been for the effectiveness of the antipoverty program in providing needed services and building bridges of communication in the community the riot might have been worse.

I urge immediate passage of the pending 1967 Economic Opportunity Act Amendments in order to expand badly-needed programs.

Signed JEROME P. CAVANAGH,
Mayor.

I would also like to call your attention to another chart which is over there against the wall. I have been talking up to now about the