

number of employees who worked directly for an antipoverty agency like a neighborhood center which is a direct component, let us say, of the OEO.

This chart takes a number of cities and gives an idea of the total number of people who are funded directly or even indirectly by OEO, people, for example, who work for the YMCA Streets Program in Chicago, people who work in some group attempting to deal with young gangs of people, workers who are working with private agencies and who are right in the middle of the ghettos, right in the middle of where the riots are.

Now, it has occurred when one of these young people gets picked up for doing something which somebody thinks is wrong, they are immediately identified or frequently they are identified in the newspaper as an antipoverty worker as if they were our direct employees.

In many cases they are not, they are indirect employees because the agency for which they work is financed by us, but to give you an idea of the magnitude, just in those cities there which is 10 cities, there were 30,000 such people right in the middle of the riot area.

Four workers out of the 30,000 were arrested and charged with something. This does not mean anything was proven but they were arrested.

Twenty-two participants—that might be somebody like a Neighborhood Youth Corps youngster, a participant in an antipoverty program, 18 of whom as you see were in Cincinnati.

The facts that I have presented prove that OEO offers alternatives to violence; that OEO has taught the poor to build up, not tear down; that once the riots began, OEO smothered, not fanned, the flames.

Who, then, is responsible for the riots? I mean ultimate responsibility, not merely who shot the first gun or looted the first store.

I believe that all America is responsible. All of us here in this room. We are all actors in this American tragedy. We are in trouble because too many Americans prefer not to know each other.

Not to care about each other. As Governor Romney said just recently, "Most white people do not know any Negroes. Most Negroes do not know any white people."

This terrible isolation is what breeds distrust and hatred.

I am not saying Americans must all become friendly with each other or that privacy is evil. I'm just saying that the ignorance of our fellow citizen's needs destroys more than it protects.

Our country is destroyed when the man in the suburban house in Chevy Chase does not know about the man in the ghetto house in Cardozo.

Our country is destroyed when the affluent know more about the Beverly Hillbillies than the destitute poor in the Appalachian hollows in Kentucky or West Virginia.

Our country is destroyed when the scourage of rat bites on the bodies than a human being a few blocks over on First Avenue.

Our country is destroyed when we are softhearted about sending slum kids to summer camp but then softheaded about job training programs for their unemployed fathers.

Our country is destroyed when the scourge of rat bites on the bodies of poor children is treated as a laughing matter and funds are denied which could put an end to this infestation.