

I think that you reflect the spirit of this committee, Congress, the Government, the President in denouncing the rioters and looters in the strongest terms, but you have given us a program which can get to the root causes which make some people the easy targets for the agitators such as Stokeley Carmichael.

Now that the President has appointed a commission to study the causes and make some recommendations, I think that this committee representing the legislative branch of government has an excellent opportunity to make some real contributions. You have cited an impressive list of people who are close to the problem who want to stay with this program.

If we were to accept the suggestion made by the gentleman from Minnesota and New York for the substitute opportunity crusade, how long might you think it would take to implement a whole new series of guidelines and instructions and directives and how long would there be a vacuum before the program, assuming it was a successful program, could reach the point of success that you are now reaching after 2½ years of perfecting the present law? We all know that there were shortcomings in the program when we first passed this in 1964 and it took us a long time to perfect the guidelines and perfect procedures.

Many mistakes were made along the way. You have acknowledged those mistakes before the committee. But it seems to me if the testimony of these mayors and all of these other people is correct, you are operating rather efficiently at this time.

Would you have to rewrite all of your guidelines or at least a substantial amount of them—would the agency that would inherit your responsibilities under the opportunity crusade have to start all over again and create a long delay in getting this very needed help down to these communities?

Mr. SHRIVER. I am sorry, I don't really know. I think that the changes that have been suggested are ministerial changes. I think I am doing justice here—I don't want to do any injustice—when it has been said, as it has been back and forth here several times, wouldn't the opportunity crusade change that? Congressman Goodell has been very articulate in saying we are not going to change the Job Corps, we are just going to have it put into a different department and they will evaluate it and modify it over a period of time as they see fit but, that in fact, we are not going to close down any Job Corps centers, we are going to continue to operate, we are just going to improve it as we go along, so, theoretically, on that theory, a piece of paper would just go to a different guy.

Mr. PUCINSKI. You have no assurance and we have no assurance—as a matter of fact, the contrary would be true. I would think when a different agency took over a program they would want to hand down their own guidelines and procedures and their own rules and regulations, and what I worry about is at this particular time when this help is so urgently needed in these communities I am afraid of a gap, of a vacuum that may create more chaos and turmoil than we are seeing already.

For that reason I would hope my colleagues would not press their insistence on rewriting this. I would hope they would join us and work together not as Democrats and Republicans but as Members of Congress who see a serious problem in America.