

They are not big enough. I tried to testify earlier here today that in Detroit we are meeting maybe 14 percent of what we know we can do now without any new program, without any new brilliant ideas by anybody. We can do that now.

I am not saying it is perfect, or that it will stop riots. We didn't start an agency as an antiriot agency. But we know we can do these things now.

I say, "Let's do them," and then, as we are doing them, let's find other things we need to do.

Mr. BELL. The point I was making is that there seemed to be a breakdown of communications between you and the local government and so forth—

Mr. SHRIVER. When you were there in the summer of 1965 we had been in business 6 months. There was no question about it, and there still is in some places a misunderstanding of the nature of this effort, that it is not a money or clothing or food distribution effort. It is an effort to help people to help themselves.

It is a complicated idea, but because everybody didn't understand it in the first 6 months is not to me a fault of the program. What we need to do is to—the one way you lick poverty is to have the poor lick it themselves.

Mr. BELL. On page 4 of your statement, Mr. Shriver, you talked about Headstart as more than an educational program, one that affects the total life of the child, his environment, and so forth.

I wanted to point out to you that the education programs under the Commissioner of Education do many of the things right now that Headstart does. So, if it changed, it would not affect the program one iota.

Mr. SHRIVER. It does affect it, if I may say so. It is a rather complicated thing. I just want to say I disagree with that.

Chairman PERKINS. Mrs. Mink?

Mrs. MINK. I want to add my word of commendation to you, Mr. Shriver, and your staff, for not only your dedicated services and studies with this committee and Congress, to continue the work that began, but also for the very fine statement that you provided the committee today.

I deplore personally the efforts being made throughout the country and even here in the Congress to place the blame for the disorders that we have witnessed over the last few weeks on this program. If anything, I think the program deserves a great deal of commendation and praise for what it has been able to accomplish over these few years with the limited amounts of money that we have been able to appropriate.

I think one of the great regrets that I have in the 2½ years that I have served here is the inability to fund the program to the extent that I feel it needs to be if it is really to begin to do the work to help solve the problems of our poor people throughout the country.

To place the blame on those who are working in this field for the riots, I think, is a grave travesty on the truth and facts of the situations.

The poverty program is seeking to find the root causes of discontent in our urban communities, and I think your administration and those