

who work with you have sought their earnest best to try to help these people.

I think one of the difficulties that we had in the last year as we adjourned the 89th Congress was the sad task of going back to our communities and explaining to our constituents that instead of more money and more programs to help the poor, that we had to report back serious cutbacks in the kinds of programs that they wanted, and so I express again grave concern that perhaps because of the riots and the need for new programs to help curb these situations in our big cities, that we perhaps are again going to have to meet the argument of earmarking funds, limited as they are already, on funds in separate areas, such as rat eradication.

I think as one studies the conditions that lead to the riots in the big cities, one has to come to the conclusion that in many of these situations it is the inability of the poor in these communities to understand what motivates police officers and the police authorities in the actions that they must take in order to preserve law and order in their communities.

As we have watched the development of the Legal Services program, I wonder, Mr. Shriver, if you could tell this committee, perhaps if we are able not to just meet the funds request that you are seeking in this Congress, but increase it, what kinds of programs you might be able to suggest to us and to this Congress that could better improve the adult relationship of these people in the communities with the police authorities so that these kinds of conditions can be avoided.

Mr. SHRIVER. Well, as you know, Mrs. Mink, we are not authorized to recommend new programs to the Congress just off the top of our heads—

Mrs. MINK. That is one of the saddest outcomes of the history of this program, because I can't think of newer, better, and innovative programs that have come out of your leadership—Headstart, Green Thumb, Upward-Bound, and all of the other programs—

Mr. SHRIVER. So far, in reading the newspapers, I haven't seen any suggestion made for any program anywhere by anybody yet that we haven't already made.

It is also a fact that in the Department of Justice under the Attorney General's leadership that a comprehensive effort is being made to have seminars, for example, an institute for the benefit of local police, working through various police academies and chief of police associations and so on.

Mrs. MINK. But aren't these more oriented toward riot control and to try to equip police authorities to better control riots—

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't know enough to make a comment on that. One thing that has developed indigenously in the war against poverty is what is called police corps cadets.

I have seen them in operation in Detroit last summer. You heard me describe one in Grand Rapids, where 50 kids were sort of deputized—not officially—but in a sense deputized as junior policemen. We have that all over the country, and I think that that is an indication of something that is very good.

For example, in the early days of the war against poverty, when we had enough money to be rather bold, when something came along like an idea like Headstart or Upward-Bound, I was able to sit there and