

fire department, and the city and the kids. The people who do it on their day off don't complain, because they get a little extra money. It is such a simple thing.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scherle?

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Shriver, to put things back into proper perspective, I doubt very seriously that if one is not in complete agreement with the goals that are set forth under the OEO that they are not interested in the poor. This is wrong.

It is in the administration that we are primarily interested in effective improvements. We are trying to eliminate waste and put these programs under already existing agencies.

I don't think anyone would doubt that the programs, as they exist today, under Opportunity Crusade, would make any changes other than the elimination of some high-priced personnel.

As mentioned earlier, one problem, and I think you mentioned it, too, is that in regard to the riots, these people have been led down the primrose path, perhaps by the administration, perhaps by the Congress, to expect something that could not be delivered.

All this started during the present administration and you can check the record on this. Don't you think that perhaps these people were led to believe that solutions to their problems were just over the hill, were available yesterday, and in their anticipation and frustration, that the riots and demonstrations today are a product of resentment? Would you go along with that?

Mr. SHRIVER. No, I don't, Congressman.

Mr. SCHERLE. What do you feel is behind these riots and demonstrations? In the last Congress I doubt if there was any Great Society legislation that wasn't passed and everything made available. However, we are now talking about the present Congress, and nothing we do in this session of Congress could help alleviate the present situation.

Now, what has been the problem concerning these unfortunate people? They were unjustly led to believe that utopia was here. We all knew that time would be necessary to help solve this problem.

Mr. SHRIVER. First of all, as I mentioned a minute ago, there were a number of riots before the 89th Congress and before the OEO legislation was brought up.

The second point is that I think there are many things this Congress can do, this Congress right now. I think in a sense today Congress has an unrivaled opportunity, because what may have been difference of opinion before about whether something of a vast scale was needed, I don't see how there could be much difference of opinion now that the problem is a very important, if not the most important domestic problem in the United States.

Mr. SCHERLE. We agree, but you are asking this Congress to do nothing more than one word, money, and a continuation of what already exists.

Mr. SHRIVER. No, sir. I am not. I am asking the Congress to expand the programs that exist, and the mayors of America—

Mr. SCHERLE. But you are asking us to expand in an area that already exists. If this is true, and it must be, because you said there is no program anybody could mention that you don't already have, and I can agree with that.