

It seems to me now is a pivotal time. Everybody is suddenly alerted to it. Now is the time to say we have the program, at least we have some of the program; we are ready to go.

All we need, as I said before, is to let us out of the box here and go to work with some money.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Shriver, I would not expect you to comment on this obviously, but I think there is some merit to the statements made over the weekend that there is something wrong with our order of priorities when we have vast expenditures for the space program and as Mrs. Green said, for the development of supersonic transport program and the GSA report showing all of the great wastes in the practices of the Defense Department, it seems to me that we ought to take another look at these priorities to see whether or not the eloquent testimony that you offered today should not give us some insight to a redirection of those of these priorities to get at the problems.

We are all concerned about what happens in India and various other parts of the world but right now it is happening in America and I think the American people would support a reappraisal of these priorities.

Mr. SHRIVER. You are right.

I don't think there is any question about it. For 2 years I have been going around the United States saying that the soft underbelly of this country is here at home. I have said this in Chicago, in Washington, in New York, in Atlanta, in New Orleans, Houston, Larado, Watts, and Alaska.

I have no worry myself as I have said many times that the Green Berets are going to defect out there in Vietnam. If this Nation is weak at all it is weak right here. That is why I think this program is so important and why sometimes a little bit frustrating not to be able to get on with it.

Mr. PUCINSKI. We are going to try to help you.

Chairman PERKINS. Are there any further questions, statements, or observations?

Thank you, Mr. Shriver.

Would you identify yourself for the record?

Mr. ODHAM. I am Brailey Odham from Orlando, Fla.

I am president of Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., a CAP agency serving Orlando and Orange County, Fla.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family which has been so patient here today.

I know I treated you so badly since you are on a vacation and holding you here to this late hour but I promised you this morning that we would hear you and I am delighted to recognize you at this time.

You desired to testify, as I recall, about the matter discussed by the Orange County witness that we had here last week. I know it is impossible for Congressman Gibbons to be here at this point but we delayed putting you on this morning because we thought Congressman Gurney would be here today but he evidently has not come around and has not arrived back in town.

Any statement that you care to make, you may proceed with in your own way.

Mr. ODHAM. Thank you.