

to stake our claim to a portion of the resource which God has given to us.

There has been mentioned with respect to the necessity of revitalizing the agricultural areas of the United States. We have heard much, and I know our Senators, Senator Mundt and Senator McGovern, have on the floor of the Senate urged that action be taken to stem the flow from the farms into the urban areas. You gentlemen are well aware of the conditions that have existed in the metropolitan areas of the United States throughout this past summer. We hope to God that they will not continue to be repeated.

A few weeks ago I attended a Midwest Governors' Conference, and at this conference, at a seminar, it was suggested to all of the Governors that greater emphasis should be placed upon vocational education. Yes, even in the agricultural States such as North and South Dakota.

The reason that was given was that we in North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, should recognize our obligation in helping to train these young men and women so that when they went into the cities of the East and the Far West they would have a trade and a skill, and would not be thrust upon the streets in the conditions that they are found to be in today.

Of course, we have an obligation in this Midwestern area of ours, in the agricultural States. The statement that was made I feel was true. But only partially. I feel it failed in much logic.

It is fine to start to say we are going to have a vocational program to train our young men and women when we send them into the cities, but I wonder if it isn't about time that we provide the opportunities for our young men and women to stay upon the land and upon the farms of North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Minnesota, and earn their livelihood there. Why should we spend millions and billions for urban renewal, the rebuilding of our cities, in the welfare projects that are being instituted in these cities to take care of persons there, when with a few million dollars we could transform a land such as South Dakota into a Garden of Eden which would attract and retain these young men and women where they could be a credit, not only to their State, but where they would be a credit to the Nation and to civilization.

It is for this reason that I feel that great attention should be given, in view of the tremendous economic conditions that we are finding exist in the United States of America today, that we turn our attention to see what we can do to direct the flow back from the cities into the rural areas. This is where America is, and this is where the strength and the moral fiber will be found when called upon in the years to come.

I respectfully urge this committee to give to the State of South Dakota the fullest consideration in making a favorable report with respect to the enactment of S. 6.

I appreciate your courtesy in allowing me these few moments in support of legislation which I deem to be of such momentous import to the great State of South Dakota and its people.

Thank you very much.

Senator BURDICK. Senator McGovern?

Senator MCGOVERN. Mr. Chairman, I just want to commend the Governor on a stirring and eloquent statement, and also to thank him