

in the past year alone. Some will say that this is an inevitable adjustment. The President himself is authority for the statement that two-thirds of the farmers are not needed. Perhaps this is true. Maybe 4 million farmers can produce the food and fiber now being produced by 12 million. Perhaps we must lose another 8 million farmers. Perhaps our small towns must perish. Perhaps rural areas cannot be saved.

I, for one, believe that the culture that is rural America is important to this Nation. Despite the lower economic status of the people of farm areas, it is a good place to raise families and to live the good life.

Why else is rural America worth saving? If for no other reason than to avoid compounding the critical problems of the great metropolitan areas.

No doubt most of the 8½ million people who have left the farm ended up in large cities. How do you gentlemen feel about an additional 8 million people in the cities? The latest figures available to me show that major crimes per 100,000 people in South Dakota were about one-half of the national average, and one-third of one-fourth of the number reported for some of the most populous States. I read with interest the report of the President's Committee on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. Reproduced here is a table from the report which graphically demonstrates how the incidence of major crimes grows in proportion to the density of the population:

TABLE 8.—OFFENSES KNOWN BY CITY SIZE, 1965

Group	[Rates per 100,000 population]						
	Willful homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny, \$50 and over	Motor vehicle theft
Cities over 1,000,000.....	10	26	221	246	930	734	586
500,000 to 1,000,000.....	10	20	165	182	1,009	555	640
250,000 to 500,000.....	7	15	122	142	1,045	550	468
100,000 to 250,000.....	6	11	73	151	871	556	353
50,000 to 100,000.....	4	8	49	85	675	492	297
25,000 to 50,000.....	3	6	33	71	562	443	212
10,000 to 25,000.....	2	6	19	67	462	309	141
Under 10,000.....	2	5	12	62	369	236	99
Rural.....	4	9	10	58	308	176	51
Suburban area.....	3	10	28	66	545	359	160
All places.....	5	12	61	107	605	420	251

Source: "Uniform Crime Reports," 1965, table 1, p. 51 and table 6, p. 94.

I sympathize with Mayor Lindsay of New York in his problems of transportation, and see that he is asking Congress for millions of dollars to revamp his transit system. Rural America has no such problem.

I note the billions which have been spent by the Congress for urban renewal and slum clearance. I have personally observed the projects in Chicago, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, and Boston. I notice the requests for billions of dollars to finance demonstration cities and model cities. Rural America has no need of appropriations for these purposes.

Constantly in the news media are stories about the problems of pollution, air and water, and of the billions of dollars estimated as needed to control it. Rural America has no air problems, and water pollution is local and comparatively minor.

Drug addiction, prostitution, alcoholism, and many other social problems are much less a problem in the wide-open spaces.