

Mr. MEEKER. The amounts received in the sales and the leases would be much greater than the cost of improvements.

Mr. GRAY. Before you leave and since you are legal adviser and I am not asking this question to be facetious, but I have answered some 2,000 letters from home the last time I introduced a bill to allow the Organization of American States to have headquarters in Washington and was branded by our dear friend, Mr. Gross, as the "International Drinking Club." Since the newspapers are here, I would like to ask you, as the legal officer of the Department of State, do you envision any type of drinking club in this OAS headquarters? That is a funny question, but it is not so funny if you read my mail. We have had the WCTU and about 19 other organizations using this as a platform.

Mr. MEEKER. The purposes of the two areas are for the OAS headquarters and for the chanceries and would be for those purposes alone. There would be no clubs involved here in this site.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, he said "those purposes." What is he referring to?

Mr. GRAY. What you mean is that there would be no additional activities other than those they carry on now in their present buildings. There would be no club, per se.

Mr. MEEKER. The activities would be the official activities of the chanceries and of the Organization of American States.

Mr. GRAY. Let me ask you this before you leave, Mr. Meeker. We might want to give some consideration to this authorization instead of having an open end, such sums as may be necessary. If you could get some idea as to what you think these improvements are going to cost and let us insert an actual dollar figure, if it is \$500,000 or \$1 million or \$250,000, because I am fearful that we may run into trouble with this tight fiscal situation as now exists if we just authorize such sums as may be necessary to carry out this act. I know Mrs. Rowe has been very helpful in this in passing the Visitors Center bill. We put actual ceilings and limitations and this is one reason we passed the bill by 10 to 1 and a lot of people that might be sympathetic to this would say you have open end authorization. They say they estimate it will cost \$250,000 and we get out here and get these bulldozers putting in the streets and there we may run into several millions of dollars of expenditures, and this legislation as presently written would authorize such sums as may be necessary.

In the interest of getting the bill passed, I am sure that is what you want, I think if we could put a definite figure of \$250,000, \$500,000, or whatever a maximum would be, such as—such sums not to exceed—and then give a definite figure, we would be in much better position on the floor with this legislation. This may be something you and the others may wish to consider.

Mr. MEEKER. As I indicated earlier, the estimate that we made is \$250,000. I think we should probably go back to GSA, have them take another look at this in the light of the fact that some time may pass before the day when it is actually received with improvements, and we will try to get what is a realistic estimate with enough room in there to assure that it is possible to accomplish the improvements, but which would show an outside figure.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you. I think we definitely should do that.