

further than that to document the problems the poor have in being part of the planning process, and so we produced a 209 page report which we have filed with this committee as well as others.

We made legitimate demands in 1967, and these were never met by HUD, and all they did was say give us some more proof and we will set up some means of grievance. To this point, we have a task force in the city but no changes on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

We requested that there be a minority housing subcommittee, and this was never set up in the city of Camden. We requested it of HUD, we requested it of the city officials, and all we got was a blind look.

The basis of democracy is the Government with the advise and consent of the governed. Yet the experiences of Cleveland, Detroit, Newark, Camden, and cities across this country all testify to the fact that the people are being dictated to by the Government—Federal, State, and local—and that Government is enforcing a set of policies and programs which are premised on the economic interest of the white middle class. The poor pay the price of this economic interest. Their lives are destroyed, their families are uprooted three, four, five times in a decade. When housing is found for poor people it is normally in the pathway of another urban renewal project, or in the pathway of a highway.

Friends are lost as neighborhoods are torn asunder. Children's education is interrupted as schools, teachers, and grades change with each move. Small businesses are destroyed. Homes are taken. Individuals and families are left homeless and forced into substandard housing. New ghettos are created in the marginal housing which becomes overcrowded. The elderly die.

We followed the pathway of Route 76 in the city of Camden over a period of 3 years. The families were not given relocation assistance. They were directed to the board of realtors—for blacks and Puerto Ricans to be directed to the board of realtors is to direct them to prejudicial people.

The Board of Realtors in Camden County sent out lists to their members of families being displaced—blacks and Puerto Ricans—on a mimeographed list. Together with that list was a red, white, and blue broadside presented on a national level saying, "Let us fight the President's open housing law. We did it last year. Let us do it again."

What kind of treatment can be expected by the poor—the black and Puerto Ricans—when their names are presented by a board of realtors who are fighting the open housing law. The New Jersey State Department of Transportation referred people to a few agencies, and then the national group, the Federal Department of Transportation says all the families were referred to the relocation office of urban renewal when this, in fact, was not done.

We find that urban renewal and highway construction are displacing people without adequate relocation plans. The poor cannot live in the housing; the educational failures in our cities precludes the poor from going to the universities which urban renewal is building; the cultural horizon centers that urban renewal is building are of the white middle class; and the poor cannot get the jobs in the industry and the businesses that are being constructed by urban renewal funds.