

In Camden the first urban renewal project replaced homes with cleared land for industry. The Negro leaders of 1958 and 1959 were told to support the project because it was for homes, but it is earmarked industry. After 10 years all we have is cleared land, no industry has been built there. We are told another 15 years would have to go by before the industrial use would disappear. No one has built a thing on it.

Another urban renewal project was a luxury apartment with rents over \$100 a month. For several years taxes on that apartment building were reduced because occupancy was low.

Next an office building was constructed. Now, the developer is bankrupt, and one of the biggest tenants of this building is our own housing authority who is supposed to take care of public housing and urban renewal.

Three new schools were constructed in our neighborhoods—the black, Puerto Rican neighborhoods—without blacks and Puerto Ricans being involved in the planning. We, the people, were told the old schools would be torn down for the new ones, but the projection of student population was too low and some of the old schools are still standing and our children still go to them. This is in a city that has won an award for urban renewal. We would point out that the award was given by other planners.

Rutgers University has displaced hundreds of Puerto Rican families in 1966 in the city of Camden. No Puerto Ricans could get into public housing. We had to go to the streets and march an entire summer in order to integrate public housing in 1966 in the city of Camden. It was only after all those marches and raising a lot of sand that integration occurred.

The educational system of Camden does not prepare the Puerto Ricans who were displaced to attend Rutgers, nor is Rutgers involved with their neighbors.

Now, we have got a Northgate II project which is displacing over 300 families for apartment units with 300 to 400 apartments which will rent over \$100 a month and up. Mr. Sharp will give you some testimony relative to the problems of the families in that area.

The only new units created for the poor have been in one apartment building for the elderly.

Now, highways. Highways are the new conversion of the former low income housing, and they are for easy access of the white middle class to escape the city at 60 miles per hour back to the suburbs that the Federal Housing Administration has built since the Second World War. Highways are built to rush suburbanites into the cities for employment, athletic events, and entertainment, and out of the city in order to live.

Twenty years ago the New Jersey State Department of Transportation bought houses in South Camden for a highway. Many of these houses were demolished. Just a few years ago the route was changed, so that today vacant land stands where, under existing FHA rules, no houses with offstreet parking can be built without displacing more families. A street that could have been rehabilitated is now a pockmark in our community. This is not only an issue of poor planning and development, but it is also an act of civil disorder by the civil authori-