

gram to training program. And here comes another referral agency sponsored by the Federal Government on a matter of relocation, which seriously affects their lives. The letters that were sent out were not sent out in Spanish. The Puerto Rican neighbors had no idea what was happening.

We feel that the psychological problems, that the malaise of poverty are serious enough that the Federal Government should use their resources and have the initiative to assist families in relocation.

Only one out of six people were referred—displaced by the highway—were referred for relocation assistance. This is bad news. One family who owned their own house, an elderly couple, bought it back in the 1920's, they wanted to die in that house. A woman had a leg taken off. She could not hear, she could not see. She knew where to go in that house. The highway department came along and said you have got to move. We are going to take over your house. You can get another mortgage. They ended up in an apartment building out in the suburbs where they did not want to be. This woman died a week later after moving. She was heartsick over this house. She wanted to die in it, but because of the need for a highway, Highway 76, with two exits in our city—that is all it is going to bring to us—two exits—and we have to have families separated, people moved, people offered faulty prices for their houses; and this we have documented in that large book that we sent to you back in February.

The bill before this committee goes part way to resolve the problem of bringing highway construction under Federal requirements to relocate highway displacees. The only time we have seen coordination is when we raised "sand" in the city of Camden over the past 3 weeks. When we picketed, when we marched, when we moved a family out of an urban renewal development and put them in a hotel, when a lobby of a luxury apartment was damaged, then man, we saw action.

HUD came in, started making recommendations, the Department of Transportation said we will not move any more people. We will hold it up for a month. We see now the Justice Department coming to Camden. We see community affairs from New Jersey coming through Camden. Health, Education, and Welfare coming into Camden. All because of things happening. But we had to go to the streets to produce that kind of result. We screamed this way until ultimately, legitimately, and in print with the pen and mimeograph machines in January of 1967 and before that, but only when we demonstrated, could it be demonstrated the Federal Government can move.

We saw redtape cut these past 3 weeks. Programs that the city has not even applied for are now funded—in 3 week's time. Now, how come? How come, when we raised "sand," we get these things done?

We believe that the Federal Government can do almost anything it wants to do, but does it always want to do it? The Department can do anything they want to do, but they do not want to do it. Camden is one of the fortunate cities. No rioting. We have not had one. We do not want one. But there are some people who could go through that change if that is what it needs to bring the Government to heel a little bit to the people and their needs.

Congress has to mandate this coordination. We should not have to go to the changes we went through to produce a mandate of coordina-