

We are offspring of these people and we want to be able to create the work which they created. The only way they can do it is that white America has to give us the opportunity—give us the opportunity, because if we go one step, white America goes two steps. She cannot be a loser. She is a winner.

As long as she refuses to harken to the supplication of the black man, she is a loser; she is done. She is the city of Babylon they speak of in the Bible and the cities of Babylon will fall and America will fall unless she takes heed of the black man's plea.

Thank you.

Senator MUSKIE. Thank you, Mr. Sharp.

Thank you, Father Griesmann. May I say, this legislation has been developed in the past 2 or 3 years for the purpose of trying to deal with one area of injustice. It is not perfect legislation, but I think it has much in it to commend it. We will give serious consideration to the suggestions made by you, Father, this morning as we shape the legislation.

We have known, of course, over the years that we have worked on this legislation, of the injustices that have been created under the programs of urban renewal, highway construction, and so on. The Senate passed this bill in the last Congress, but we did so without a record that was what I thought adequate of the injustices with which the bill was intended to deal. We had your report on the situation in Camden. It was in our file. But we thought we ought to have public hearings in order that these injustices might be exposed to more complete public view.

That is why, Mr. Sharp, we invited you to be here this morning. We did not need this public hearing to be aware ourselves of the situations which encumber you and your people. We needed the public hearing in order that others may be aware of them.

Your full report which Father Griesmann has submitted to the record is part of our files. It is available for public view.

I do not know to what extent we ought to get into further details, Father, this morning. I think there ought to be included in the record and we will included in the record without objection tables showing the schedule of families which have been displaced in Camden by governmental action over a 5-year period ending December 31, 1967; another table showing those families to be displaced by governmental action in the next 5 years; another table which is a review of the available housing in Camden and the physical conditions of houses in Camden; another table showing a schedule of houses planned for Camden in the immediate future.

With that conclusion, this statistical information fully documents the story you have told us in more human terms here this morning. Some people are more impressed by statistics than by rhetoric, so the statistics will be included in the record.