

say, I am sorry, we don't have the personnel to do it. Somehow, we are going to have to bring the needs of the poor people together with employment needs and the nondiscrimination requirements of title VI and make it work and make it work soon.

I want to make just one last word, just in a general vein, about the Poor People's Campaign. I think these people will speak for themselves. I know a lot of people have expressed concern. It is an integrated group. They are coming here in nonviolence and it amazes me that people still can come to the Congress to ask you to do what you persistently refuse to do year after year after year.

I came out of law school a very bright, eager young woman ready to change the world. I tell you, if one-third of what is going on with these poor people in Mississippi is true generally in America, the country is in serious trouble. I came out with a firm belief in law and institutional changing. After school case after school case, I have still after 4 years in Mississippi, found 4 percent of the Negro children in white schools, 96 percent of those children in still terribly unequal, Negro segregated schools. We cannot do the job alone without strong Federal enforcement and I think we have seen that it is not there. Something has to be done about that.

I cannot stand much longer seeing babies with bloated bellies and babies coming to Headstart schools who cannot stay awake because of hunger. If this Government cannot feed its people, what can it do? If this Government is not moved after documentation over a year's period of severe malnutrition in all our cities, all our States, what in the world can we do? People ought not to continue dying like this.

We are getting a whole lot of problems and a whole lot of questions about violence. I am suspect of Congress and I am suspect of people in this country who continue to worry about violence that may be caused by poor people coming to Washington, while forgetting the chances of violence if people continue to be treated as they are. How can you worry about being inconvenienced so much when a child is inconvenienced by having to walk 7 or 10 miles to school without shoes. That is inconvenience.

How can we continue to be so terribly concerned about what violence may occur when we are not equally concerned about the violence of a rat eating a child to death, as happened in North Carolina 2 weeks ago? How can we continue to harp on the possible violence this Poor People's Campaign may cause while forgetting the violence of people having to live day after day after day with rats and roaches and in fact, the poor themselves are the greatest victims of crime.

We have to begin to get realistic. The fact that these people, after all they have gone through, can still have the faith to come here and ask you to do the very reasonable things that they are going to ask you to do and much of what they have asked of the various agencies; and we will be happy to furnish you copies of those, three-fourths of which the agencies have the present and current power to do—and in fact the law says they are supposed to have been doing for years. They have not been doing it. It seems to me we have to look at these things in a hard fashion and say the people are simply asking that the programs, that Congress has already passed, function as they are supposed to function. I think we have to go a long way to making the executive branch function this way.