

Most deplorable of all is the plethora of Federal programs sponsored without evaluation or coordination, and without any attempt to assure continuity. The Federal government has widely scattered seed money and after a year or two withdrawn or curtailed support, leaving the city with its extremely limited resources to foot the bill. The city is forced to cut off programs, raise already high taxes or appeal for state aid. Ultimately, the state government — previously ignored by the Federal-city alliance — winds up holding the bag or the bill. This has been the pattern in the past and one which must be reversed. In his State of the Union message, President Johnson called for a new partnership between the Federal and state governments; certainly the states will regard and welcome this concept as essential to resolving our ubiquitous urban problems.

We need the Federal government with its greater revenue resources to subsidize massive transportation projects, to develop "model cities," to administer a uniform welfare program. We do not, however, need excessive Federal control or specific Federal programs, for each community has its particular personality, its particular problems and its particular priorities. The needs of Denver will correspond to the needs of Baltimore in general, but not in particular, and this is true of Minneapolis and New Orleans, Seattle and Savannah. Federal funds, unfettered by requisites, can provide meaningful aid to locally determined and designed solutions.

The state's role should be a scaled down version of the Federal one. The state should provide leadership, participate in the assignment of priorities and the provision of funds. However, to the local governments — those governments closest to the people — should fall the responsibility of initiating and implementing local-related and oriented programs.

Even "super governments" are unable to fulfill the unique and intimate function of the local government. While regional dialogue and cooperation is imperative, regional government — in the future of the megalopolis — would of necessity soon become too big to respond to the particular. "Super government," in size and scope, would inevitably compete with rather than complement state government. Regional compacts or metropolitan authorities to administer common services is the best alternative to super-government. Water, sewer, solid waste disposal and transportation services can be ideally developed and maintained through regional agreements.

However, my reservations on regional government must be modified and qualified. Experts indicate that an ideal local government should