

d. Ultimately, state government — previously ignored by the Federal-city alliance — winds up holding the bag or the bill.

6. If the Federal government would assume the city and state welfare responsibility — a function that could best be performed on the national level — the city and state would be able to finance on a subsidized basis pilot projects tailored to solve their particular problems.

- a. Such as employment training programs, the “Job Bank” proposed by Baltimore’s Mayor D’Alessandro this week and the Emergency Crash Job Program financed last summer by the State.

G. Education is the ultimate instrument to break the vicious cycle of poverty, prejudice and public dependence.

1. Compensatory education is imperative for the deprived child. Only a better than average education can propel the child with a worse than average background into the American mainstream.

2. Day care and pre-school training are equally essential — not only to protect the neglected child but to reach him early with the proverbial head-start and hand-up necessary to prevent a lifetime of hand-outs.

3. Attitude training should be instituted within our schools as a coequal partner of academic education.

- a. By accommodating the immediate social problems of our day within our public school curricula, we can increase the awareness and ability of our next generation to respond to the challenges of the future; to reject all that is wrong, to respect and revitalize all that is right within our society.

- b. The importance of attitude training was most vividly dramatized by the wave of riots erupting in seventy-six American cities last summer. While final causes are still being sought, we are certain of some answers. Urbanologist Daniel Patrick Moynihan attributes the indifference and ignorance of the white majority to the frustrating experience of the urban Negro, as a major precipitating factor. Moynihan’s criticism is not directed at extremist or racist hostility either white or black, but at the moderates who failed to recognize this covert anguish and rage, and neglected to adapt the correct emotional and psychological attitudes to confront this problem. I believe the Moynihan view is, to some extent, an oversimplification, but it has overtones of validity.