

The Kerner recommendation for increased Federal responsibility in welfare programs and the establishment of uniform national standards of assistance does not go far enough. I favor a total Federal takeover of the welfare responsibility as the first step to relieving the urban crisis. Impaction due to the migration of the rural impoverished is the root cause of urban problems. Until we act to stabilize and then selectively reduce the population density of our cities, all fancy, expensive social programming is no more than an exercise in futility. I am willing and even eager to waive the confusing kettle of alphabet soup agencies (such as OEO, HEW, HUD) representing the present Federal effort in the cities for Federal administration of welfare and medicaid programs — and I think the majority of America's Governors stand with me.

Once the uneducated, unemployed and impoverished population is stabilized — at Federal expense — states and cities can afford to initiate meaningful programs at the local level related to local employment opportunities and manpower needs.

Second, I believe the development of satellite cities possesses an imaginative alternative to bigger and better ghettos. The suburban exodus has not been so much a white phenomenon as the route of the educated, the employed and the economically well-off. The term ghetto is a misnomer since it implies forced housing on the basis of race. The common bond of the slum neighborhood results from social and economic far more than physical conditions. The satellite city, a planned new community with a balance of housing and industry, offers a solid solution to urban impaction — a counter to urban sprawl that is genuine renewal, not urban removal. Finally, the satellite city prevents what could become another divisive force in our political system — the black city and the white suburb. If we are not to move toward the Kerner Report's ominous two society prediction, we must take bold, imaginative steps to unify society on an advantageous foundation.

Satellite cities would not only guarantee open housing but also would serve as the nucleus for Negro commercial enterprise. The government can give special breaks or incentives for the Negro commercial or industrial entrepreneur. We can make it so profitable that the private developer cannot afford to stay out of the low-cost housing business. Psychologically, the satellite city is ideal for successful integrated housing. Here, whites and Negroes start out alike in a new community without the entrenched neighborhood cliques that tend to discriminate against any newcomer, regardless of race or