

Let me say, before turning to a few specifics which I believe to be of great importance, that these goals will not be achieved by the piecemeal action of a single program, or by the Federal government alone, or by governments at all levels acting together.

It has become commonplace to say that the resources of private enterprise must be committed to the solution of urban problems. It's true, and it's worth saying again. But in fact all the resources of society must be brought to bear — including those of the academic community and of our youth.

I think particularly of two great needs — the need for information about our cities and their people; and the need for skilled, devoted, compassionate people who will make programs work. One of the handicaps in coping with urban problems is paucity of information and lack of understanding. Another is a shortage of people willing to give more than lip service to ghetto-dwellers.

On the first point — lack of essential information — I quote from a recent study of the Library of Congress on "Rural to Urban Migration in the United States": "Little is known about the characteristics of migrants. There are virtually no data for rural non-farm migration and very little information on where the farmer migrant actually went." When we look for facts about the cities, we rely chiefly on a census taken eight years ago, a census which failed to even count millions of Americans who live a shadowy existence in the cities.

It would seem to me that a special and highly sophisticated current census of urban slums is needed for intelligent attack on urban problems. Beyond this, I can think of a long list of useful subjects of study which social scientists can undertake in their own communities, and you can think of an even longer list, I am sure.

I think you in this audience can do something, too, to guide the restless energy and the generous spirit of American youth — concerned today as never before about social change — to guide it toward service that will help erase the shame of slums from the American scene.

I conclude with a pet notion born of considerable experience in seeking to govern a suburban county and a State that includes a city of close to one million people.

You have heard me speak of the need to thin out the population of existing older cities as a major part of the strategy for better cities. Looking ahead, we must also plan for decent living conditions for the 100,000,000 new Americans who will be added to our population