

1 The statement said that, "President Johnson was
2 told today that the 14,000,000 Americans living in abject
3 rural poverty are a 'national disgrace' to the world's
4 richest nation.

5 "In a 160-page report issued last September and
6 released by the White House today, a special national ad-
7 visory commission warned that riots are rooted in rural
8 poverty and indicted Government, private enterprise and
9 citizenry for indifference to the problem."

10 The article goes on: "Describing the misery
11 in which the rural poor live, the report spoke of Negro
12 children who do 'not get enough food to sustain life, and
13 (are) so disease ridden as to be beyond cure.'

14 "It described the rural poor as living in
15 'atrocious houses and going to poor schools with the result
16 that more than 3,000,000 rural adults are classified as
17 illiterates.

18 "'In both educational facilities and opportuni-
19 ties, the rural poor have been short-changed,' it declared."

20 This news article from the Sun of this morning
21 said: "And because the major social welfare and labor