

A View From The Governor's Office

By Gov. Raymond P. Shafer

More and more I am coming to the belief that we are entering a new Age in this Nation in the area of State and local government—an age where the people regain their voice and their involvement.

And as part and parcel of this Age, there will be a new and strengthened alliance between the State House and City Hall.

All too often lately I have heard the phraseology of the State's NEW role in the Federal System. This is not a new role but rather its traditional role which has been dormant.

There are those who speak of and work for a polarization of City-Federal relations. And in many instances, I must admit, they call upon hard and disturbing facts to buttress their case. Yet this is not the answer. That is NOT if we truly wish to preserve the democratic process in this Nation and the Federal System of Government.

The Urban Crisis is a People Crisis. It is not a crisis of bricks

and mortar; it is not an institutional crisis; it is a PERSONAL crisis. That is why we are having riots in the steaming ghettos of megalopolis. That is why your job is the toughest in America today.

When the critics talk of the urban crisis, they state time and again that the city is or is becoming "ungovernable." They are not saying it is "unmanageable" but rather "ungovernable."

There is a very subtle but very real distinction. The first is conceived in the frame of reference of manipulation while the second is conceived in the fine art of friendly persuasion.

Therefore, the art of government constantly demands that we seek out new ways, new methods for achieving our common goal of a stable, functioning, concerned and meaningful society.

In this, Pennsylvania is taking a very active role. However, our efforts are not directed at

furthering one level of government over another, but rather in providing the executive framework and legislative tools necessary to recapture this sense of COMMUNITY that is making itself felt across the breadth and width of our Nation.

Primary to this effort was the creation of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs in July, 1966. This was the first such Department formed in the Nation and has been a leader in the development of methods and programs to meet the so-called "urban crisis."

We have put actual dollars into such vital programs as Model Cities, O.E.O., Urban Renewal, Housing, Recreation, Mass Transportation, and others.

—In the summer of 1967 we made \$700,000 available to our cities to start Model Cities Planning—Federal funds were not forthcoming until October.

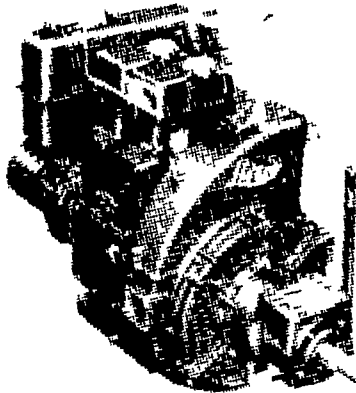
—We have put \$3 million of State funds into the State O E O program—the only State in the Nation to do this.

—We developed a tax credit program through our Neighborhood Assistance Act to get industry and business involved in the urban crisis. This will cost the State approximately \$8.75 million over the next five years. The first credits were granted this month.

—We initiated a hard-core manpower training program last year with \$6 million in State funds. This guarantees a job at the end of the line. Our first graduates—all jobless before—are now earning \$5 an hour as heavy equipment operators.

—We were the first State to initiate a State Renewal program in 1949 and last year alone we appropriated some \$13 million in this field. (Continued on Page 19)

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