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"We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors."

Lyndon B. Johnson
President
United States

"Merely, it is not beyond our resources nor our ingenuity to include in our war against poverty these always 'excluded' Americans (the migrants)."

Sargent Shriver
Director
Office of Economic Opportunity

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Let's Build A Streamlined Vehicle To End Poverty

When the first automobiles appeared, the bystanders shouted, "Get a horse!" The first automobiles were not 16-cylinder streamlined jobs. They were shaky little carts, slow, noisy and funny. The manufacturers needed much vision to believe these crude vehicles would eventually change the face of America.

When can we expect a streamlined vehicle to eliminate poverty?"

Not instantly.

The national anti-poverty program, now in its second year, is still chugging along on one or two cylinders. And naturally there are people on the sidelines who say, "It will never work!"

It's one of the boldest undertakings in all of human history, and we do not expect success in a year or a decade.

It is much easier to invent a fine automobile than to invent a streamlined method to end poverty. Man's hand is much surer in recasting metal than in recasting himself. But the great program of the Office of Economic Opportunity can show the man who is in poverty how to lift himself out of it.

Do we have any specific ideas for helping to develop this clumsy one-cylinder chugging go-cart? Yes.

Read this column next week.

--Don Wilcox

Cuando aparecieron los primeros automóviles, los espectadores gritaron, "¡Traigan un caballo!" Los primeros autos no fueron carros de lujo de 16-cilindros. Eran pequeños y temblorosos guayines que corrían despacio y hacían mucho ruido y además eran graciosos. Los fabricantes de carros necesitaron mucha visión para creer que estos vehículos rudimentarios eventualmente cambiarían la superficie de América.

¿Cuándo esperamos que un vehículo de primera línea elimine la pobreza? No en un instante.

El programa nacional en contra de la pobreza, ya en su segundo año, todavía va caminando con uno o dos cilindros. Y, naturalmente, hay gente a la expectativa que dicen, "Nunca funcionaram."

Es una de las empresas más atrevidas en toda la historia de la humanidad y no pensamos tener éxito en un año o en una década.

Es mucho más fácil inventar un coche bueno que inventar un método de primera línea para terminar con la pobreza. La mano del hombre se siente más segura al transformar el metal que al transformarse a sí mismo.

Pero el gran programa de la Oficina del Departamento de Economía (O.E.O.) puede enseñar al hombre que está en la pobreza como salir de ella por sí mismo.

¿Tenemos ideas específicas para ayudar a desarrollar este guayín ruidoso y torpe? Sí.

Lea esta columna la próxima semana.

--Don Wilcox

COMMITTEES WORK FOR MIGRANT HEALTH

Who, in this state of Oregon, is concerned about the health of the migrant worker and his family?

The answer is, many responsible officials of several counties are not only concerned, they are actively at work trying to make the best possible plans for more responsible health service for the coming year.

This month the Advisory and Coordinating Committee on Migrant Health Problems is holding conferences, with representatives from several counties

in this area, to work out newer and better solutions to the entire problem.

One of the sub-committees is dealing with the problem of transportation. The members of this committee are Dr. Ralph Sullivan, chairman; Ivan Wells, Valley Migrant League; Dr. Grant Skinner; Hesther Poareo, Supervising Nurse.

The need for an answer to the transportation problem is pointed up in the following paragraphs, which have been condensed from an article by VISTA Volunteer Ed Faison, Hillsboro...

One of the jobs of the Valley Migrant League is to work for the improvement of health conditions among migrant workers in this area. This effort calls for the cooperation of the public health departments in the various counties.

Here in Washington County, the VML workers feel that the coop-

eration has been only in one direction, from VML to the health department. The VML workers know that it is not their part to assume the duties of the health department; rather, their responsibility is to channel people who need services to the agency which provides the services. But a heavy burden of transportation has fallen upon VML, and this has been costly and time consuming. Can the Washington County Health Department assume its fair load in providing adequate health service for the people who harvest Oregon's crops?

--Ed Faison

All persons interested in the welfare of the migrant will watch with interest for the developments that grow out of these committee efforts. We believe that cooperation will win victories over the problems that are our common concern.

