

Mr. CLAGUE. These figures come from the Civil Service Commission, and they are a complete count of Federal employees so far as you can get it. You will recall that the Federal employment normally jumps quite a bit in December because the Post Office hires a lot of youngsters to help deliver mail.

The Post Office is becoming more mechanized, however, and it could be that this resulted in hiring fewer workers last year at that time of extra activity. Since these are seasonally adjusted figures, such a development would explain the slight dip.

Representative REUSS. If that is so, it would certainly show a lack of desire to taken on any unnecessary employees during that period, would it not?

Mr. CLAGUE. Well, I guess I had better say I am not sure that I have given the full explanation.

Representative REUSS. I brought this out because it seems to me that the public would be very interested to know that Federal employment has remained almost entirely uniform for the last 10 years, whereas State and local government has gone up by a recordbreaking 60 percent.

Mr. Curtis?

Mr. CLAGUE. There, you see, Mr. Chairman, the State and local governments are the ones who service the population of the country, and, of course, as you know, education is almost 100 percent a State and local government operation.

So their employment reflects, in part, this servicing of our youth population, which is now starting to enter our labor force after all these years.

Representative REUSS. Yes, but in conclusion, I would remind you of what you said a moment ago: Much of this population increase also demanded and got a far wider variety of Federal services.

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes.

Representative REUSS. And these seem to have been provided by substantially the same number of employees.

Mr. CLAGUE. Yes.

Representative REUSS. Which is a real tribute to the efficiency and productivity of Federal employees, and I am glad to pay this tribute to them.

Representative CURTIS. I think it is very important to take note of the State and Federal Government employment. The field of health care also is one that is primarily conducted not even by the State governments, but by local governments.

Mr. CLAGUE. Local.

Representative CURTIS. And to me it has been a tragedy that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare still does not have figures on what is being spent at the local governmental level in the field of health care.

They have got the State figures, but in my State of Missouri and the State of Texas and in other States on their charts they show nothing as being spent.

I think we do need to get a more accurate picture of where this occurs.

I note somewhat facetiously, but maybe it is so, that little dip in the curve looks like it occurred around November 1961; maybe that