

field because of the relative poverty even though we may show a high average standard of living. Is this not true?

Mayor WAGNER. That is correct. I may say we have had a lot of emphasis on the fact of creating poverty by migration. We have had a lot of people needing assistance whose families have been there for generations, too. It is not all the newcomers that we should blame for these things.

Mr. PERKINS (presiding). Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Wagner, do you feel that the Federal Government should guarantee an income of, let us say, \$3,000 a year, or more, to all citizens of the United States?

Mayor WAGNER. That would be like a labor negotiation, like a bargaining session, that you would set a minimum.

I think if they have set the minimum, certainly as far as New York is concerned, at \$3,000, you would have a lot more problems.

Mr. MARTIN. You could not guarantee wages to everyone in this country?

Mayor WAGNER. To set a figure? I think the objective has always been to try to get a job for everybody. The Full Employment Act, which, back in the late forties, passed by Congress, was an attempt to try to assure everyone a job and, therefore, to make a greater contribution. I don't see how it is possible that you can ever guarantee a certain wage.

What I think we would like to do is to give everyone a full opportunity to be able to make a contribution.

Mr. MARTIN. You are not in agreement, then, with the conclusions of this ad hoc committee on the triple revolution that reported to President Johnson about 2 weeks ago that recommended people be paid whether they work or not?

Mayor WAGNER. I think they are already being paid. Certainly if they are not working, they are on welfare. Being paid is a cost to the Government.

Mr. LANDRUM. Will the gentleman from Nebraska yield for half a minute?

Mr. MARTIN. Just a moment. Let me read a couple of sentences from their report:

The economy of abundance can sustain all citizens in comfort and economic security whether or not they engage in what is commonly reckoned as work. Wealth produced by machines rather than man is still wealth. We urge, therefore, that society through its appropriate legal and governmental institutions undertake an unqualified commitment to provide every individual in every family with an adequate income as a matter of right.

In other words, you would not agree with that statement?

Mayor WAGNER. What is this committee?

Mr. MARTIN. This is the ad hoc committee on the triple revolution which reported to President Johnson on their conclusions about 2 weeks ago.

Mayor WAGNER. An official Government committee?

Mr. MARTIN. It was not an official committee. It was a committee composed of educators, labor, labor leaders, economists, and so forth. They started their hearings last October. It received wide publicity in the press at the time.