

Mr. MURPHY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the mayor of Chicago makes a first-class witness because of the great experience he has had with life in a great city or community like the city of Chicago. I had the pleasure of serving with him for 4 years. I know of his great interest in these many problems.

I just want to be here today in support of the position that he has taken.

Mr. LANDRUM. Thank you for your comment to the committee.

Now the gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have not had an opportunity to read your entire statement, Mr. Mayor, but I note so far that you have at least seven programs in this field in Chicago, in the field of vocational education, the retraining of workers, and so on, which I think is mighty fine and I want to commend you for it; in fact, I feel that the local level is where these programs should be conducted and not by the Federal Government or by funds from Washington. I am particularly interested in the program I have marked "6." It happens to be at the bottom of page 6, conducted by the department of public aid and adult education program for public assistance recipients. In this program, you say that since 1962, the beginning of the program, the enrollment has grown to better than 10,000 public assistance recipients. You do not state, however, as to how many of these recipients of public aid after taking this training course have gone off the relief rolls or the welfare rolls of Chicago.

What have been your positive results from this program?

Mayor DALEY. 800 have gone to work for the Yellow Cab Co., as chauffeurs, as mechanics, and as washers. That is one phase of it. The figures are rather difficult but we think this is one of the finer programs in training people and then getting them jobs.

In the period of time, judging from hotels and janitorial and service occupations and trying to give them training and maintenance, it is estimated that there have been thousands of men taken off relief rolls and put into employment.

Mr. MARTIN. Do you have any actual figures or statistics on these 10,000 who have taken this program who have been dropped from the relief rolls?

Mayor DALEY. No. It is related to the number of people who have been changed from the relief rolls every 2 or 3 months. I found out that the majority of men and women who can get a good paying job don't want to be on relief or welfare. They will accept a job.

Mr. MARTIN. I was interested in the results of the program. Is there any way you can determine that?

Mayor DALEY. I think Mr. Hilliard, when he testifies before your committee, will have the statistics. I think you realize the difficulties in the statistics. When a man is taken off and has a job with Yellow Cab, he might not necessarily stay there. He might promote himself again and take another job because of the basic training.

We point out here that when we put the men in the Yellow Cab, these were men who were functional illiterates but they were taught to read and write, and they could balance their sheets. I think this is one of the finest programs in the country.