

I would hope that we have many more of them. As to the actual figures on how many thousands, I could get them and send them to you or Mr. Hilliard can give them to you when he testifies.

Mr. MARTIN. Can you give me an explanation as to why 800 have gone into this one field of driving cabs?

Mayor DALEY. I suppose because of the turnover and the easy way in which to train a person for the job of taxicab driver and the idea that out of the taxicab there are many private operations.

Mr. MARTIN. If you have any figures or statistics as to other lines of work that these people have gone into and perhaps of their being able to earn a living for themselves and their family and their being off relief rolls, I am sure it would be of interest to the committee. As you well understand, we would be cutting down the cost of these welfare programs by putting them on a paying basis.

Mayor DALEY. That is what we put in the statement, the cost to train a young man for a job and what it cost to keep him on relief. If we are training him for a job, we are not only helping him but we are helping the government to reduce its public welfare costs as well as helping the government gain in the field of income tax which he is paying. That is why we think this is a great program.

Mr. MARTIN. Do you think the Federal Government should guarantee every citizen a job in this country and an adequate income?

Mayor DALEY. Senator, I think in this affluent society, we have a responsibility not to perpetuate a segment of our society on dole. Certainly we have the responsibility someplace of giving these people an opportunity. Whether they accept it and whether they go tremendously far or whether they go a middle way or short way, I would like to see everyone be given an opportunity, an equal opportunity. Then I would like to see everyone in our country, I hope this will come, receiving an annual income by which they can keep their family and children in decent living conditions.

Mr. MARTIN. Are you saying that the Federal Government should guarantee a definite income?

Mayor DALEY. No; I did not say that.

Mr. MARTIN. That was the question I asked you, if you felt that the Federal Government should guarantee a minimum income for all citizens of the country.

Mayor DALEY. No; I don't think so, but I think the Federal Government and the Congress can provide the atmosphere under which private industry can provide and should provide employment for people in order that their compensation be such that they can raise their families in dignity and give them educational opportunities and give them all the things that we in America stand for. I am for that.

Mr. MARTIN. In other words, you do not think that the Federal Government should guarantee a minimum wage for all citizens. You do not say "Yes." You must say "No," then, to that question.

Mayor DALEY. Not necessarily. It is not a question that you can answer "Yes" or "No." There are too many elements to the question to answer "Yes" or "No." In other words, what we are saying here is that, under this legislation, we are hoping to provide conditions under which people in private industry, and we hope this will always be America, and in private employment will receive the opportunity,