

started. But on a continuing basis do you expect to have very much initiative and control of your own?

I think the history of other programs would indicate that some kind of contribution, some kind of teamwork effort here is going to be necessary. Perhaps not at the city level. Perhaps at the State level.

Mayor WALSH. I would certainly agree with that, that this is what we would want too. We would like to get eventually city money into it.

As I say, we are spending \$15 million on poverty in Syracuse because we pay half the taxes. There is some State and Federal money in that program. I should not say half of the \$15 million. About \$2.5 million comes from the Federal Government. Three or \$4 million from the State and the balance from local money. But over the long haul we would certainly be putting money into the program. Here is the city budget this year. There is no way of raising any more money there. We are within \$200,000 of our tax limit. This is true of all cities in the State.

Mr. GOODELL. I might say, Mr. Mayor, and I think you are aware of this, that the budget problems and shortage of money is not limited to the cities. If you want to look at the Federal budget it is a rather massive document and when you get to Congress budgets it is really a question of priorities. This is part of our function to decide what the Federal priorities are, to see to it that the State and local priorities are preserved and where their primary responsibility is.

Mayor WALSH. I might point out to you that you are in the poverty program now making a contribution of about \$2.5 million in Onondaga County. This is treading the surface. It does not allow for research programs: it does not allow for demonstration grants. These are the programs now, old-age assistance, assistance to the blind, and ADC that are keeping the stomach full which is about all they are doing. They are merely treating the patient, they are not going beyond that and finding out why they are there, why the patient is ill.

Mr. GOODELL. I certainly appreciate your testimony, Mr. Mayor. I would like very much your crusade for opportunity. I think this is a more positive approach psychologically to the problem. I hope we will be able to beef up this legislation not only in title II but in perhaps a separate title in terms of the research and study and correlation of data that is presently available to some of the agencies that are starved for personnel and funds to really utilize that data. This is a very acute problem. It is frustrating to most of us because this is not available to us in a meaningful way in terms of trying to map out an attack on poverty or a way to create new opportunities.

In conclusion, I think you are well aware, Mr. Mayor, of the very high esteem all of us have for the Congressman from Syracuse. We are very privileged to have him come here and be with us today. I am privileged to acknowledge him as one of the leaders in New York State not only as a Republican but on all issues.

Mrs. GREEN. Mayor Walsh, your statement has also attracted my attention in regard to Federal legislation, for fathers who desert their families. In Syracuse can a family receive ADC payments if there is an able-bodied but unemployed male in the house?

Mayor WALSH. Yes. The program was changed about 2 years ago and they can receive aid.