

Mr. BRUCE. What you are saying, then, and correct me if I am misinterpreting what you are saying, is that the rest of the people of Illinois really do not care about the poverty-stricken people in Illinois. Is that what you are saying?

Mr. V. MARTIN. I am saying this is true of any State in the Union. I don't know what State you come from—

Mr. BRUCE. But you believe that?

Mr. V. MARTIN. They care, but it is completely impossible for them to articulate this care.

Mr. BRUCE. Do you think at the Federal level there is a greater genius of mind and brilliance that has greater compassion for the poverty stricken of Illinois than the people of Illinois do?

Mr. V. MARTIN. As a local citizen, I would not agree with this. I think it is the modus operandi. In a business, you set policy and then you build procedures to perfect the policy. What I think we are saying here is that we do have a national problem. It is not isolated to Illinois. Therefore, what are the best procedures to handle the problem. This appears to me to be the best procedure.

Mr. BRUCE. Let me ask you another question. In Cook County, for example, you mentioned the migration of poverty, as it were. Where are most of these people coming from?

Mr. V. MARTIN. A great part of them are coming from the South.

Mr. BRUCE. Why?

Mr. V. MARTIN. I think that they feel that there is greater economic opportunity, probably some semblance of freedom.

Mr. BRUCE. I again ask why?

Mr. V. MARTIN. I talked to my Irish grandfather, who left Ireland and came over here. The only reason he came here was because he thought he would have freedom and opportunity to develop.

Mr. BRUCE. In other words, the failure of about 18 States to meet responsibility realistically with archaic laws causes you from Illinois to say rather than putting the emphasis on those 18 States, we should have a Federal program that will take more out of Illinois, give you back less than they take from you in order to try to correct the problem. Is this sensible?

Mr. V. MARTIN. I think you have led me along a very interesting path on which I have no comment to make.

Mr. LANDRUM. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. Hawkins?

Mr. HAWKINS. I yield my time to Mr. Pucinski.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Martin, Mr. Bruce would have you create the impression before this committee that the people of Illinois are only concerned about their immediate problems and have no interest in the problems of their fellow citizens. I know that as the chairman of the PAC, you do not share that view, because the whole State of Illinois provides \$400 million a year to take care of the needy of certain sections of the State; namely, those you mentioned in St. Clair and Cook Counties. Is that not a fact?

Mr. V. MARTIN. Yes. I didn't agree with his statement. I think there is as much concern about other citizens in Illinois as there is in other States about their citizens.

Mr. PUCINSKI. It again demonstrates the woeful lack of any understanding of what this legislation is trying to do.