

Mr. BRUCE. That was for 70 boys?

Governor WELSH. We started out with 100. We felt that we got value received really from the work they did in forests.

Mr. BRUCE. Let me ask you, Governor: Recognizing that according to the action and the statement of the school board of Indianapolis in their most recent meeting commending the stay-in-school committee of 50,000 volunteer women in Indianapolis—because their work resulted in the return of 131 children to the Indianapolis public school system that had dropped out, because of their personal interest—have you taken the example of these volunteer, dedicated women in Indianapolis and recommended it to the other areas of the State of Indiana, as an example?

Governor WELSH. I have called it to the attention of the superintendent of public instructions and asked that he call it to the attention of the school systems all over the State. I believe this is being done.

Mr. BRUCE. Do you think this can work?

Governor WELSH. Anything we can do to encourage citizens to participate in trying to solve this problem should be encouraged. This is a big problem, and the best way of solving it is to get as many people working on it as possible.

Mr. BRUCE. How, Governor, if the States which are the most affluent do not have the money—I come back to that same question—how is the Federal Government going to increase affluency at the same time that they are deficit-financing over a continued period of time?

Governor WELSH. I think the objective is eventually to have the Federal Government's income exceed its expenses.

Mr. BRUCE. This is a nice idea, but do you foresee that?

Governor WELSH. Eventually, yes; I would say I foresee this.

Mr. BRUCE. Governor, I hope you are correct, but I would say that certainly the figures do not indicate that.

Governor WELSH. I believe it is a reasonable expectation, in view of the President's economy program and the predictions that have been made for the national economy. Just yesterday, for example, I attended a meeting where the executive vice president of the Radio Corp. of America stated that his economists tell him there will be an economic boom continuing at least until 1970.

Mr. BRUCE. From all the indications, is it not true that the Federal expenditure is going to be increasing too, because we are not talking about a balanced budget under the economy program; we are talking about a deficit budget.

Governor WELSH. I would not be surprised if the Federal budget does increase, as our population increases.

Mr. BRUCE. I am talking about the Federal budget.

Mr. BRADEMAS. I would like, if I may, Mr. Chairman, to make a couple of observations about what my friend from Indiana across the way has said, because I think he is really talking economic nonsense on the basis of the facts. The facts are, as the economists will show, that we have had relatively little price inflation in this country in the last few years. The facts are that our gross national product at the end of last year hit over \$600 billion. The facts are that only a few days ago one of the great power and electric companies in our country took a full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal to announce that because of the great confidence that the business community had at the present