

a cleanup and paintup program on a block basis and both children and adults were involved. As a result, there was a difference in the appearance of that little block. Do you think that this would be possible?

Mrs. BAKER. I think it is not only possible but very necessary at this time. At one time in here I said that we have the experience of our successes and our failures. I think that American Friends Service Committee has done a great deal in housing and we have learned the hard way about some things, but I do think that the idea that you have for a block grant for self-improvement in which you eliminate much of the cost of the improvement by self-help would be a great idea and highly workable.

Mrs. GREEN. We drove into this area where there was a grant for a juvenile delinquency control project and saw rubbish, dirt, all over the street, and the one playground for the school was locked up and dark and the kids were standing on the street corners. It would seem to me that if they developed a plan in which they could say: Let us have this school ground lighted for the kids to play in, let us have a group—

Mr. DENT. Will the gentlelady yield at this point?

Mrs. GREEN. Yes, it is your time.

Mr. DENT. After going to Cleveland, I checked into the recreational program in my own locality. I find that it is more paperwork than play work. What we have now are recreation directors who, by some logic or reasoning, have gotten themselves into the class of a professional and the recreation areas are shut down at 5:30 or 6 o'clock. They say the children have to go home to supper, but I find it is the recreational director who has to go home for supper. The whole thing is completely out of hand.

We have beautiful playgrounds which, when I was a kid, we did not have. These kids do not have as much opportunity to use the playgrounds that they have as we had to use the playgrounds that we did not have. It is a bit out of line.

Mr. QUIE. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DENT. Certainly, if you will be on my side.

Mr. QUIE. I am on your side.

I want to know what these 300 people are doing up there.

Mr. DENT. So do we and we are going to get the answer. Mrs. Green has already asked that we get a detailed report on these 300 people, their duties, and their salaries. We will get it, I hope, if we do not have to send the sheriff to get it.

Mr. QUIE. That is all I want to know.

Mr. PERKINS. I wish to compliment the witness. I share the concern of the gentleman from Pennsylvania concerning the inadequacy of our present social security system. I personally feel that we should lower the retirement age, that we should update our social security laws, because no one realizes better than I do, that we are going to do nothing for so many old people unless we do update our social security laws. But, at the same time, I feel that this legislation will combat juvenile delinquency, especially title I, by giving these youngsters a job, taking them off the streets, at the same time we can give them some basic education.

Thank you very much.