

partment of Defense has a continuing study, not just a study, but a continuing study underway concerning the effects of closing shipyards with emphasis on effects of employment and economic factors.

Mr. MORSE. I am familiar with that. I recall the statement by Mr. McNamara last fall in which he said that he "didn't want to operate the Defense Department as a national WPA," or something to that effect, and he said that economic aspects were not a proper consideration.

Assuming for the moment that that report to which I referred is accurate, how do we account for this Office of Economic Adjustment within the Department of Defense?

Mr. FOSTER. I think it is concerned with that problem. It is concerned with that problem.

Mr. MORSE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman MORGAN. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. Rosenthal.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this first opportunity to participate. I might say, Mr. Foster, I concur very wholeheartedly with Mr. O'Hara's comments about yourself and the Agency. My feelings are possibly a little different than some of the others. I was sitting here thinking that in the city of New York we have maybe 25,000 or 26,000 policemen attempting to preserve the peace there and you have 214 less 12 people trying to figure out how this world can reduce arms control and maintain peace.

It seems a little incongruous and inconsistent to me. My feeling is that you are coming in asking for too little money and not enough attention is being spent on this subject. Maybe you are inhibited by the practicalities of the situation, what you think you can get through Congress.

I think you should have come in here asking for 5 times what you are asking because I think the job is 10 times more important than the attention it is getting in the public forum or the public press.

One of the things that I am distressed by, I see in section 49(d) there is a prohibition, with a very interesting word "propaganda," that you are not allowed to tell the American public what you are doing.

How do you feel about an amendment to the legislation under consideration to either rewrite that or soften that or take it out altogether? I think the people have a right to demand of you to know what an agency is doing.

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you very much, Mr. Rosenthal. I think that we are not limited on the dissemination of knowledge, which is another part of the act which puts that responsibility on us. We are not limited in the dissemination of appropriate knowledge and we do attempt to do that.

In the hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in which this amendment was put into the act, it was made perfectly clear that this should not inhibit us in the appropriate dissemination of information, of the things we are doing and why and how. Accepting the definition of "propaganda" as something that has a slightly—what is the word I am reaching for—unpleasant context, we find that this does not limit our ability within the funds given to us to spread the proper word.