

I could project enrollment figures considering the programed activities in this community to include the school year 1968-69 and 1969-70. But I believe that by careful consideration of these prior comparisons I have shown that the impact of federally connected students has been, is, and will continue to be extremely heavy.

Therefore, I feel it would be needless to belabor these growth comparisons further.

These steady, but substantial, increases in ADA of both the total and the Federal impact have been due to Chanute Air Force Base, which is now known to be the third largest airbase in the United States, and which is currently increasing its technical student load and capacity.

These increases are placing great demands on the Rantoul City schools, District No. 137 to provide additional school facilities and educational opportunities for Chanute Air Force Base dependents.

Chanute Air Force Base is a technical training center offering approximately 200 courses in aircraft maintenance and control, as well as technical training for the missile weapons and the firefighting school.

We must realize the apparent effect such activities would have on the demand for homes within the boundaries of District No. 137. Some knowing conditions in Rantoul, have rented or purchased trailers and parked them in numerous instances, in temporary locations waiting their turn to put their trailer in one of the many trailer parks either in Rantoul or on the base.

Many families upon being assigned to Chanute Air Force Base finds there are no quarters available when they arrive. In the majority of cases they are provided with temporary housing facilities either on the base or in the community. In many instances they are forced to find residence in a neighboring town and commute to the airbase.

According to the authorities on Chanute Air Force Base there are more than 1,300 employees currently commuting to and from the base. These employees are seeking housing in the Rantoul area since they are subject to call on a 24-hour basis or would prefer to live closer to their employment.

Very little, if any, tax revenue for schools is paid by the occupants and owners of trailers in the various trailer camps located within the district since personal property tax is either paid in their home State or the owners usually move before the tax payments are due.

Although the population of the village of Rantoul has increased from 2,400 in 1940 to over 27,500 in 1966, the assessed valuation has only increased from \$4,031,350 in 1940 to \$33,715,682 in 1966. From these facts it is readily seen that the population has increased 1,045 percent in the 26-year period.

All this increase in population is directly or indirectly attributable to the Federal activities of Chanute Air Force Base since there are no factories or other industries other than stores, service stations, garages, etc. within the boundaries of the district or in adjacent communities.

Most of the working population therefore are employed on a tax-free Federal installation. The estimated taxable value of Chanute Air Force Base is \$500,000,000. Then if the place of employment of 85 percent of our school population plus the valuation of the remainder of the District No. 137 were taxable at the present current