

Nevertheless, since the inception of FSUC in November 1956, a number of statistical gains have been made in programs that were advocated and supported by the conference.

COORDINATION BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND USERS OF STATISTICAL DATA

We believe there is much better coordination now than ever before between the producers and users of statistical data. Two major organized instruments exist to achieve such coordination. They are the Federal Statistics Users' Conference and advisory committees of the Federal agencies.

A number of our members are serving on the various industry and other advisory committees of the Federal Government. They are serving on 14 committees in four Federal agencies. This overlapping membership is advantageous in that it provides each group the opportunity to be apprised of the interests and activities of the other.

However, we have observed that certain advisory committees are utilized more frequently and more effectively than others. We believe that in certain instances greater and more effective use could be made of advisory committees.

As for our own organization, our difficulties involve limited resources which means restricting our activities to emphasizing major priority items. We are doing our best to expand our resources, to expand our activities, and to be as effective as we possibly can.

PROPOSALS FOR A NATIONAL DATA CENTER

The proposal to establish a national statistical data center is one of several instruments that have been recommended to improve the organization and coordination of Federal statistical activities. While a great deal of attention is being directed toward this proposal, it is one that needs much more study and understanding.

At this time, FSUC has taken no position for or against the establishment of such a center. We have made every effort to inform our membership about the details of such proposal and to keep them apprised of discussions and developments connected with it.

Last year, our newsletter of September 7 gave a comprehensive report on the hearings held by Congressman Gallagher on the possible invasion of privacy through a national data center.

At our annual meeting last October, we held a special session devoted to the subject of a national data center. It was the most highly attended of any of our special sessions.

When the Kaysen committee report was issued, a copy was sent to each member organization in the conference, along with a summary guide and outline to the report.

Our newsletter of April 10, 1967, summarized the testimony of Charles J. Zwick, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, at recent hearings of Senator Long on the invasion of privacy.

Our board of trustees has appointed a special committee to study the national data center proposal. Thus far, it has held two full-day meetings and has scheduled a third meeting on June 2. More meetings will be held. As a starting point, the committee is examining in great detail the Kaysen committee report.

The committee has appointed a special subcommittee to study and report on shortcomings of the Federal statistical system. Another