

Mr. FORD. But the problem that we are attracted to and attempting to do something with in other legislation arises out of this family mobility.

Now, it comes as a surprise to me that while the number of people involved in agricultural labor is dropping, the number of families moving with agricultural labor is increasing.

We know some little bit at least about the tremendous potential for the very expensive social problem that this creates for us. I would be interested in anything you can give us that will show the progress of this and perhaps anything that you can suggest to us that would give an explanation in some depth. I appreciate the two reasons you just gave for this change.

Mr. POTTER. Be happy to do so.

Mr. FORD. It seems that we ought to be doing something here because we cannot go on enlarging the amount of money we are spending for these other problems. We are really only applying band-aids to the migrant-worker problem in both the poverty program and in the education bill.

I think that most of the members of this committee might share my surprise to learn that the group we are dealing with is getting larger instead of smaller.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Potter, this comment is addressed to Secretary Wirtz' statement and I don't expect you to defend or otherwise comment on it because it won't need any defense; it is practically along the line of the questioning I addressed to Mr. Meany, and it seems that the Secretary has put it even more precisely.

This condition we face today has consigned millions of people to poverty where they are to make the rest of us fat, literally. This seems to me to be the great justification of this legislation. I would hate to ever attempt to synopsise Willard Wirtz, but the big job, it seems here, is to turn us away from weight watchers into wage watchers so we can see what is happening to the people who can't share the bounty that we enjoy day by day.

In your knowledge, would you tell us what has been the overall effect upon the consumer price in the market basket of the increase of betterment of working conditions among the seasonable harvest labor force since we introduced some of these Federal remedial acts like the Crew Leader Registration Act and benefits of migratory workers, and so on?

Has it been unbearable for the grower; has he been able to survive to the extent that the structure of prices is still within reach of the mass consumer market? Have we seen any inflation of prices in this citrus problem, in the vegetable crop, and so forth, or in the wine-growing crop?

Mr. POTTER. I have some facts here, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. CAREY. If they are voluminous, perhaps you can supply them to us.

Mr. POTTER. Yes. We will submit a statement on that for the record.