

tions. The representative system, therefore, has a much broader base when they come together as the assembly. I refer to this to reaffirm the fact that protestant churches have called over and over again for this bill or a bill like it so that if there was any contravailing opinion within the church against these, there would have been quite a body of counteropinion a long time ago.

Therefore, my judgment is we have broadly based support for this bill.

Mr. O'HARA. Thank you. I am glad to have you confirm my interpretation.

Let me call attention to one part of your quotation from the resolution adopted by the general assembly in 1960. You said farmworkers should be "on a par with other workers."

I don't believe you are saying, "We believe that farmworkers should have some of the same rights" or "a few of the same rights." I believe you are saying that "We believe that farmworkers should have the same rights to organize and bargain collectively under the NLRA as other workers." Is that correct?

Reverend IGARASHI. That is right.

Mr. O'HARA. I would like, in conclusion, to point out that all this bill does is carry out that principle.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. THOMPSON. The line of questioning by our friend and colleague from Oregon is a familiar one to all representative people who appear before us and is analogous to our responsibilities as representatives here. We are not delegates, we are representatives.

There is a thread through the testimony of each of the three of you of concern for the social cost of a lack of organization among the farmworkers; is that a reasonable statement?

Monsignor QUINN. Yes, I think it is, sir.

Rabbi HIRSCH. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. THOMPSON. There has been a tremendous amount of involvement by individual clergyman in California and Texas and elsewhere in a very real sense. The clergy, whether they have direct concern or not, have gone out, have helped to organize the pickets, have supported boycotts, and have taken such other legal and constructive action as they thought possible in order to assist in the organization of these workers. This in my view is a very heartening thing. The fact that the three of you appeared today speaks well for all of you and for the people whom you represent.

Do you expect a continued concern and continued militant action in support of the organization of farmworkers, Monsignor?

Monsignor QUINN. Yes, I believe we expect an expanding concern. I think there is an ever-growing interest on the part of people, even city people now, because the plight of the farmworker has been much publicized in the last several years and particularly since the beginning of the Delano grape strike.

Mr. THOMPSON. I note there is here, and it will be made a part of the record, a strong statement by the Catholic bishops of Texas where there is current activity, the Northern California Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a number of other groups that have taken stands with respect to this.