

You know, every time a poor person walks into an agency, he is treated different in every procedure, he is humiliated and degraded and this makes you really mad and it makes you want to fight a little bit harder to try to get some of the qualities that other people enjoy.

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Burton.

Mr. BURTON. Mrs. Huerta, in years past when she was virtually the unpaid lobbyist for the Community Service Organization, an organization primarily consisting of the Spanish-speaking in our State, used to tend her several children—how many do you have, Dolores?

Mrs. HUERTA. Seven.

Mr. BURTON. Her seven children, take a bus early in the morning, come into the capital, work all day long until 8, 9 or 10 o'clock, because in our State legislature we had at that time evening meetings, catch a bus again, go back home to Stockton and then repeat the whole routine. She would have sometimes as much as 75 cents a day to eat on during the course of these labors.

I think the committee has probably gathered by now that she is truly one of the unsung heroes of this effort to help the poor and, in my opinion, one of the really great ladies of our country.

Mrs. HUERTA. Thank you, Mr. Burton.

I am not alone in this and I would hate for the committee to feel that any one person does more than any other because we have in Delano many people that have been walking a picket line now for 21 months and their average weekly earnings are \$5 a week. This is what they have been getting. Of course, they didn't get that for a long time; it is something new.

Everyone who works on the staff, which includes Mr. Chavez, we earn \$5 a week stipend plus our subsistence and we have to depend on our food and our clothing from contribution in the caravans.

For our medical care, we have a clinic that has been established by Peggy McGiven, a woman who left the nursing profession to come to Delano and help strikers and farmworkers. She has built up from one room to a clinic, a fantastic facility where she now recruits doctors to come in and take care of strikers. Many people—their lives have been saved. Even the migrant workers would never have gotten any kind of health care had it not been for this wonderful nurse, Peggy.

We have not tried to get any Federal money for any of these programs but are trying to do them strictly on a shoestring and self-help basis.

So, there are many people that are in this, you might say. We have about, I would say, close to 400 people working full time on the strike in various parts of the State and they are all working on the same basis of dedication and no pay. We have just tremendous leadership that has been developed throughout the country.

Mr. THOMPSON. I think it is just marvelous.

I wonder if we could suspend now and return to hear the four remaining people accompanying you at 2 o'clock.

Would that be convenient?

Mrs. HUERTA. That will be all right.

(Whereupon, at 12:07 p.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m. of the same day.)