

What do the words "democratic selection procedures" mean?

Mr. SHRIVER. That was clarified by us we hope and believe in a special memorandum we sent to all CAP agencies about 4 or 5 months ago. It is the memorandum which I said a little while ago in response to a request from Congressman Quie that we would put in the record. I am now having it handed to me. I will be glad to read it.

We interpret "as democratically selected by residence of the area" as permitting at least four or five different ways in which that could be done.

We did not intend to imply that these were the only ways but these were four or five different ways.

For example, No. 1 was nominations and elections either within neighborhoods or within the community as a whole. No. 2 was selection at a meeting or conference to which all neighborhood residents and especially those who are poor are invited. No. 3 was selection of representatives of the communitywide board members of the neighborhood or subarea boards who are themselves selected by neighborhood or subarea residents. No. 4 was selection of representatives on small area basis who in turn select the neighborhood group that in turn selects members of a communitywide board.

I will submit this all for the record.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Will you be good enough to submit also for the record at this point the various programs that the gentleman from Minnesota and the gentleman from New York have in their respective districts and to what extent one-third of the local boards are chosen by any one of those five methods.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say this. I hope that our colleagues who are sponsoring this opportunity crusade won't want to disturb a program that is working well across the country.

I hope they will be given an opportunity to bring their witnesses before this committee. I would like to hear their witnesses. I would like to have the opportunity to cross-examine these witnesses. Let us find out just exactly how much support they have for that program they are fooling around with in the face of a time tested, well-developed program that we know is now working, and working best of all in Chicago.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield my time to Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. Let me say to my colleague from Chicago, unlike you I have spent a great deal of time in my district to see to it that there is representation of the poor on the local boards. I believe you will find they are all qualified.

Mr. PUCINSKI. The record will speak for itself.

Mr. GOODELL. One other point the gentleman made about our submitting our reports. We did submit the report in the form of poverty memos and I will be glad to have the gentleman look them over, on Neighborhood Youth Corps, Headstart, community action programs and the involvement or lack of involvement of the poor in Chicago. The statistics were not very impressive in all of those areas. He is welcome to look at them.

As far as Chicago is concerned I would like to ask, Mr. Shriver, if Chicago is one of the eight not qualified at this point.

Mr. SHRIVER. No, sir.