

My colleagues from Minnesota and New York keep hammering away that we don't have elections in Chicago. I hope that we never have this system that they are advocating for the poor people. We have elections for all the people.

Dr. DANIELS. Let us get back to Jersey City.

I might say, though, that the State of New Jersey through the assistance and the good graces of a very wonderful Governor, Mr. Hughes, has established in the State of New Jersey also an office of community affairs which works very closely with your office. It has been most helpful with all our programs in the State of New Jersey dealing with poverty.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Reid.

Mr. REID. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First, I would like to welcome Mr. Shriver. I am sorry I was not here to hear your earlier remarks.

First, might I ask, what is the status of the variable CAP funds because it was my impression in some areas that they had been cut by about 50 percent.

Mr. SHRIVER. I think all the members of the committee know that the amount of money available was actually reduced in the fiscal year 1967 as compared to 1966. I can't remember offhand the percentage cut but it added up to something like, it seems to me, \$164 million less than the previous year.

This came about, as you know, I think, because of a combination of circumstances. But it is true that since the variable funds were cut some programs were not only cut 50 percent but some were absolutely cut out altogether.

Local programs were just eliminated because there was no more money to finance them.

Mr. REID. I would like to comment on this principle if I may. If we do have this program in being and funds for x number of months, cannot the OEO make an effort to see that that program is completed if it is once started and commitments made?

Otherwise I am afraid hopes will be dashed.

Mr. SHRIVER. I think you are 100 percent correct, in fact hopes have been dashed, not because we want to dash them but because there was not enough money to keep them alive.

Frankly, you cannot continue all the programs which are in being and which, let us say, are getting reasonably good results, you cannot continue them all if in fact the amount of money you have for the continuation is less than the needs of all those programs added up across the country.

That is what happened to us this past year. So some of those programs were cut.

Mr. GOODELL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mr. GOODELL. Is it not true, Mr. Shriver, that Congress increased the overall community action total funds last year and that the reason for these cutbacks was that so much of the money in community action was earmarked that it reduced the unearmarked funds available for existing programs.