

been brought into the mainstream. Therefore, I have never looked upon OEO, or for that matter the Peace Corps when I ran it, as being something that should be permanently the part of the Government like, say, the Justice Department.

But I do believe it is going to take a number of years to accomplish the objectives of OEO. Therefore, I think of it as being something that must continue for a reasonable length of time.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You don't think it is the purpose of OEO to innovate programs and when they have been established and proven themselves, then to transfer them to another department?

Mr. SHRIVER. I did not mean to imply that either. I did not know I was speaking on that particular question. I think the record already shows we have started some programs which we did transfer out of the department. So there is no philosophical objection to that.

On the other hand there is always the question of judgment really rather than science as to whether a program should or should not be delegated.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ford.

Mr. FORD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to join the Chairman and other members on this side in adding my compliments and condolences, Sargent Shriver, for the kind of job that you and your staff have been doing in cooperation with certain people of this country at the State and local level on the war on poverty.

Once again as last year the crusaders have taken to horse to save you and the others in the Office of Economic Opportunity, and like their historic counterparts they are going to save you even if they have to kill you in the process.

I am a little bit reminded of the story of the fellow who was throwing geraniums in the aquarium. When he was asked why he was throwing geraniums in his aquarium, this fellow's answer was, "Well, originally I bought the aquarium for my son's goldfish, but never having had any experience with goldfish but some experience with other kinds of animals my son decided that it would be good for the goldfish to take it out for a walk and give it some fresh air. That is why we are now throwing geraniums in our aquarium."

One of their principal pieces of surgery would be to excise the universally accepted and successful Headstart from Community Action and for reasons that are yet vague to transfer the program to the Office of Education.

Assuming that we transferred the Headstart program, both the year round and summer program, to the Office of Education under circumstances in which that legislation carried the same safeguards that all other legislation could furnish, to wit, that only public agencies could be the recipient of funds, could you tell us how many of the present on-going Headstart programs would not qualify because they are not in fact being funded directly through a public school agency?

Mr. SHRIVER. The answer to that question, Congressman Ford, is this. Fifty-five percent of all the year-round Headstart programs today are not run by any schools, public or parochial schools. Ten percent are run by parochial schools which would bring that figure to 65 percent. The remainder year-round programs are run by public schools.