

to, from this point on, group the many segments of the community actions together and discuss one at a time and just go all the way through them. I don't know.

I think we ought to let the Office of Economic Opportunity present its case in the way they feel it should be presented and then interrogate them.

Can you see any way you can work with that procedure, Mr. Shriver?

Mr. SHRIVER. First of all, our approach was that the Job Corps had been subjected to a lot of criticism, so we started with the one everybody claimed was the most criticized. The next was community action, so we put that on second, because it was supposed to be the second most criticized.

So we have been attempting in the arrangement we make to put those who are the most objectionable first.

Now, one of the problems about community action is that everybody objects to it, but when you get down to talking about what it adds up to, you get the sort of response that Congressman Pucinski is saying, well, who's objecting?

Now, in fact, the legal services program caused a great deal of controversy last year, and I was just getting the statistics here on that point.

For example, last year the North Carolina bar came out against the legal services programs in North Carolina, and it took us from this time last year, let's say midsummer last year until 3 weeks ago or 4 weeks ago to resolve that situation.

Now the North Carolina bar supports what we are doing in North Carolina. The same thing happened out in California. We gave a grant in California to migrant services and we were condemned by the board of regents, I guess it is, of the bar. It took a year for that situation to be straightened out and now the California bar supports the program.

The same thing happened in Tennessee; the same thing happened in the city of Savannah, Ga., and in Tulsa, Okla. So it hasn't been totally—people have objected to it.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Isn't that the whole story of OEO? At this really crucial point, where you are hitting your stride, where you have these things working, there are those who would like to do away with your office. However, this testimony, and I think that as we proceed I am willing to bet that in every one of the programs of the OEO, whether it's in Headstart or community action or Job Corps, when the full facts are known, the critics will have their answers.

I think that the greatest problem that the OEO has is the communications gap of telling the dramatic story of this agency.

So, Mr. Shriver, perhaps the best thing is let you proceed in your own way and tell your story and show how all these programs dovetail into a total war on the problem that affects some 32 million people in this country.

All I can do is congratulate you for this particular aspect, because I think you are finally getting into an area that had been too long neglected. I think this legal services program does more to give people a feeling of dignity when they know their rights.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Erlenborn?