

thing that PTA's could not do on their own, or indeed during the last hundred years have not done on their own?

Mr. BERRY. It is very difficult to make a judgment before the fact. We felt that in response to this offer of specific involvement of the clientele served by our agency that it was worth an investment in this effort to involving a nationally established as well as locally established organization to become actively involved in this effort.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you say they have not been involved actively before this?

Mr. BERRY. Well, not in—I would say it's sketchy and varied in the response that the PTA has given this subject in various communities and this was in an effort to get a national thrust in this direction.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Erlernborn?

Mr. ERLERNBORN. No, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scherle?

Mr. SCHEUER. On that last question, did the idea come from the OEO or did it come from the indigenous PTA?

Mr. BERRY. I think the idea came from the national PTA conference as their offer of effort in the war on poverty and particularly in the areas of education.

Mr. SCHEUER. So, it came from outside OEO?

Mr. BERRY. It came from outside of OEO, yes.

Mr. SCHEUER. It seems to me that one of the great purposes—

Chairman PERKINS. The Chair has recognized the gentleman from Iowa. I will recognize you next Mr. Scheuer.

Mr. SCHEUER. I am sorry, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SCHERLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Johnson, I would like to probe a question that particularly concerns me as to how the OEO obtained the voluntary cooperation from local attorneys to participate in the legal services? Did you do this by threatening to bring in Government lawyers if the State bar associations were dragging their feet?

Mr. JOHNSON. No. We couldn't bring in Government lawyers. We work strictly, as everything in community action, via making grants to local community action agencies in locally sponsored and formed entities.

Mr. SCHERLE. I noticed in a release I have here in front of me that on December 21 the Lower East Side Mobilization for Youth was setting out to find clients.

Now, are these ambulance chasers that are assigned to this Mobilization for Youth—are they Government employees?

Mr. BURTON. Will the gentleman yield?

As a member of the bar, I would like you to find a more delicate way to describe my colleagues. [Laughter.]

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Johnson, are these lawyers Government-paid or are they local attorneys in a vicinity where these legal services are located?

Mr. JOHNSON. Mobilization for Youth is one of the local community action agencies in New York City that has a grant for a legal services program. The lawyers receive their pay and are supervised by the board of Mobilization for Youth.

The Mobilization for Youth does receive funds from OEO to pay a portion of the salary of these lawyers, yes.