

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Johnson—

Mr. JOHNSON. Could I complete the answer to the last question? I wanted to go on further to point out that these were members of the New York bar, most of them were residents of New York City, and they were employed by a local board composed of primarily New York lawyers.

Mr. SCHERLE. How about those that are serving out in the suburban areas or in other States outside of New York? Are they permanently assigned as referrals in legal services, or are they just part time?

Mr. JOHNSON. Most of the attorneys employed in our programs are employed full time, but they are employed, again, not by us, but by a local board.

Mr. SCHERLE. Who is the local board?

Mr. JOHNSON. The local boards are the local boards of the legal services agencies.

Mr. SCHERLE. That are paid by the Government?

Mr. JOHNSON. Oh, no; these are private attorneys, representatives of the poor, judges, law professors, and other representatives of the community.

Mr. SCHERLE. Does anybody from the CAP sit in on that as a board member?

Mr. JOHNSON. Pardon me, sir?

Mr. SCHERLE. Does anyone from the CAP sit on this board as a board member?

Mr. JOHNSON. In some of our programs there will be one or more representatives from the community action boards on the legal services board.

Mr. SCHERLE. I have an article in front of me which indicates that Mobilization for Youth is defending 10 persons who staged a protest at St. Patrick's Cathedral against the war in Vietnam. Is this true?

Mr. JOHNSON. I believe it is true. I think I have read the newspaper account.

Mr. SCHERLE. Let me read this a little further.

On January 22, police arrested 23 men and women for unfurling antiwar posters in St. Patrick's during a Sunday morning mass. Ten have applied to your agency for legal aid and the others are defended by a private attorney.

Now, is this true?

Mr. JOHNSON. I have to go by the newspaper account, the same as you.

Mr. SCHERLE. I should think you would be familiar with what goes on under your jurisdiction.

Mr. JOHNSON. There are 200,000 cases a year and I couldn't know what goes on in each one of them. I would be glad to obtain and supply the details of that particular case.

Mr. SCHERLE. Fine. I would like to have that.

(The information follows:)

MOBILIZATION FOR YOUTH REPRESENTATION OF DEMONSTRATORS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

This is an answer to the inquiry regarding the role of an OEO funded Legal Services Program, Mobilization for Youth, in the representation of demonstrators at St. Patrick's Cathedral.