

However, the high school counselor job, as the Congressman knows, is not our job. There is a division I think in the Office of Education which is supposed to be doing precisely that. I would like to underscore what he also said, that his criticism is not directed at the Upward Bound program or OEO.

The failure is that of the high school counselor to give good counseling which is not our job. The final point I would like to make is on this community action program budget, Congressman Hawkins'—

Mr. HAWKINS. Before you continue with your statement, you stated this is not your job. I did not say it was. But it seems to me it is the job of the local community action agency. If, for example, counseling service is not provided which would in a sense separate the kids so that the kids who should really go to college is the one selected and the kid who should not is at least made aware of some other program which is more suited to him and therefore make this spot available to some other kid, maybe in the same high school to go to college, this certainly seems to me to be the type of coordination which is required at the local level by community action agencies.

In other words, I think they need to be the ones to discover these little problems of administration and suggest ways of changing them. But if they sit by and see these things happening, that all these slots are being used for kids merely because this program is available, they are not trying to suggest what should be done for this high school student, then there it certainly seems to me a fault of the local community action agency.

I know that in this instance we are 3,000 miles away from Washington and I am not trying to blame on OEO but I am saying that the local community action is so busy playing politics and political intrigue that they are not doing the simple job that it seems to me is required, to go to a school like this and point out that your counseling is weak and something should be done about it. Maybe this is not the role of the community action agency.

If not I would like to have a comment from you.

Mr. SHRIVER. That is the point I was trying to comment about. On that chart you will see about three-quarters of the way down where it says local planning and coordination \$18 million, we are trying to respond to your comment by pointing out that we are trying to beef up local planning and coordination of a local community action agency.

That is why that figure is in there. Let me add one other point. We have had unfavorable, so to speak, reaction when community action people go to local school boards and start telling local school boards what is the matter with the schools or counseling system.

In fact they don't like us telling them that, at all. When a local community action agency arrives at Watts and starts lecturing the high school on what a rotten job the counselors are doing, it is not received with great praise and hurrahs by the high schools.

Mr. HAWKINS. That is perhaps why some of the rest of us are doing it, because we can do it.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Pucinski.

Mr. PUCINSKI. If this Upward Bound program, as many of the other community action programs, were transferred to other agencies, could this activity be conducted, in your judgment, with the same degree of the high success you have had?