

time of the year than the average it was in 1960, that the correct figures on parity are not 72. Parity income when Federal payments are included is nearly 80 percent. I must say for the record you are totally misinformed.

Mr. SCHERLE. For your information, Mr. Secretary, I think you are way off base in regard to farm figures. I have known it to be the case in the past that you do make mistakes. For example, consider the cattle estimate you made this past spring. You were off about 4 million head. Do you realize what this mistake will cost the cattle feeder?

Now, my question is:—

Chairman PERKINS. Do you want him to respond to the war situation?

Mr. SCHERLE. I do not think the chairman has to coax the witness to respond.

Secretary FREEMAN. The statement made in connection with the war and its effect I think quite demeans your own personal stature.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Secretary, it was not a statement. I said it "appears."

Secretary FREEMAN. It is a little bit disgraceful. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Secretary, I am not, in light of your testimony.

Secretary FREEMAN. Then you don't have enough sense to be ashamed of yourself.

Mr. SCHERLE. I question that statement, particularly coming from you, Mr. Freeman. Perhaps the lack of sense is on your side of the table.

Now, Mr. Secretary, I have heard that it is the objective under Manpower grant to Iowa to replace the rural extension director for an urban director; is this true?

Secretary FREEMAN. No.

Mr. SCHERLE. It is not?

Secretary FREEMAN. No, not to my knowledge.

Mr. SCHERLE. Can you tell me what percentage of the people in the State of Iowa are now in the poverty group under the \$3,000 limit?

Secretary FREEMAN. No, I don't have that number in mind.

Mr. SCHERLE. What percentage of today's farmers throughout the Nation are now in the poverty group?

Secretary FREEMAN. The definition of \$3,000 net income—there would be, I expect, close to one-half of the farmers across the country who would be making less than \$3,000 net income, mostly the smaller farmers.

Mr. SCHERLE. But you have no idea how many are in this category in the State of Iowa?

Secretary FREEMAN. I do not have that number at hand. I would be glad to submit it for the record.

(The figure referred to follows:)

The 1960 census indicates that approximately 44 percent of the farmers in Iowa earned less than \$3,000 net income per year. Because of increases in farm income in Iowa since 1960 it is believed that this percentage has been reduced considerably.

Mr. SCHERLE. Was there any force put upon the Extension Directors to organize under OEO?

Secretary FREEMAN. There was no force. The Extension Directors were told to cooperate long before the establishment of local and educational groups.