

groups who request help. Countless mimeographed recipes, menus, and consumer helps are prepared in the Extension Home Economists' offices also and are made available to low-income families. Such bulletins and leaflets have been distributed in all twenty counties:

- at public meetings (as community meetings, through PTA groups, etc.).
- through schools and churches.
- at demonstrations, and special workshops.
- at commodity distribution centers.
- through grocery stores and super markets.
- home visits.
- given to the Welfare Department and various anti-poverty groups.
- mailed out from the Home Economists' offices.
- announced through the newspaper and over radio.

*G. County Planning:* In 1962 the MCES assumed responsibility for organizing and providing educational background materials to County Development organizations on the development, editing, and printing of comprehensive Overall Economic Development Plans (OEDP's). The county development organization consists of a broadly based citizen leadership group. Attention is given to planning for low-income groups as a part of these overall plans.

Mr. GOODELL. My own reaction from studying many of the programs in great detail, administered through the Department of Agriculture, is a comparable uneasiness, the ready acceptance of that feeling that the only place you can get innovative programs is from some new agency or separate agency.

Without asking you to repeat the description of your existing programs, I think that you believe that you do have many innovative programs and many new approaches to rural development that are originating in the Department of Agriculture today.

Secretary FREEMAN. That is correct.

Mr. GOODELL. You believe the Department of Agriculture is capable of more innovation and new approaches to rural development?

Chairman PERKINS. Would the gentleman yield to me?

Mr. GOODELL. I would like to get his answer.

Secretary FREEMAN. Yes.

Mr. GOODELL. As you come up here bearing the banner of the administration advocating the continuation of OEO you are not completely denigrating the ability of your own Department to administer these programs with some degree of innovation.

Secretary FREEMAN. I thought I was up here with flags flying for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Don't misunderstand me.

Mr. GOODELL. It is that other little flag labeled OEO that keeps bothering me.

Secretary FREEMAN. There is problem enough, room enough, and need enough for both to be at full speed ahead.

Mr. GOODELL. I don't know where we start to cope with proliferation of a new agency. One can always say the problems are so immense that before long you could have one, two, five, seven, even 15 agencies operating all in one area.

Unfortunately, I think we have done too much of that in the past. Perhaps we had better start writing some innovation authority into the law for existing agencies rather than setting up a new agency that overlaps.

I yield, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. I was hoping the witness could come up with the more comprehensive statement and unless there is objection as to the statement being inserted in the record at this point, I would like to ask