

proposals. Actually it would be expanded somewhat, in that area groups would have to be primarily represented under the proposal which Mr. Quie and I have made.

I won't question you further on them except to say that there is a problem when representatives get together, have their discussions, thinking they are there to make meaningful decisions, decide what they want to spend the money on and then find there is no money in that particular category because none has been earmarked, or that all the money earmarked for that particular category is used up.

There might not be an interest in Appalachia in a narcotics rehabilitation program or even a Legal Service program or some other phase of community action.

They have perhaps great interest in the health services program or the basic education program, or something of this nature. They find the ability to set priorities taken away from them.

This has happened very frequently. Let me ask you to comment on one phase of the overall aspect of the development in Appalachia.

Recently the Associated Press did a study in which they indicated that a total of \$6½ billion had been spent in Appalachia in 373 Appalachian counties in the past 2 years. The head of the Council for Appalachia Development was recently quoted as saying this is not a development program at all.

They want to depopulate the region. They want the people to get out so that the great absentee corps can buy in without interference. Do you have any comment on this?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Well, I am not in favor of depopulation. This has been the trend and West Virginia is one of the very few States that has been steadily losing population. There are a number of reasons for this. Our industrial basis, too, is too narrow.

The number of jobs available are not readily gettable by the people in West Virginia. I don't think that depopulation should be or as far as I have seen, an objective or necessarily a result.

I maintain any boy from the community where I work if he is trained to do a job he will prefer to do it if he can get it in West Virginia and if not he will go elsewhere and will be happy.

I think the jobs have to be the basis of that and that the boy will go or the man will go where the job is. So long as the jobs are elsewhere that is exactly where he will go or he will remain in default on welfare in his own state.

I do not think that you can—for example, the Appalachia Regional Commission is trying to develop natural growth areas in West Virginia. I think this is an excellent approach to this in that then it identifies what sort of areas have an economic future based on topography, resources, and other things and then sets about to try to develop those areas.

This I think is what is going to become—to make people stay in West Virginia and help them find jobs in West Virginia. I don't know whether I have answered you clearly but I don't really see depopulation as a specific course here.

I think it has happened but I think there are very clear reasons for it.

Mr. GOODELL. Of course I presume that nobody will ever state that their objective is to just move people out of an area. I agree with you