

stature has come here, and to compliment you on your obvious communication and articulate presentation on the problem of the world poor.

It is a real privilege to get someone like you to come here and articulate as you have on the problems. I think this is one of the bigger problems we in Congress have to get witnesses who have really been on the firing lines as obviously you have.

So my congratulations to you on your dedication and secondly on your testimony. I would like to just go into very briefly the type of programs that you are operating, the type of community action you are doing. What are some of the projects you are carrying out under your program?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. From the OEO point of view, the only program is me, so to speak. In other words, that represents a person in this particular locale, this hollow.

They sat down about 6 months ago and figured out everything they had done to help their community the last 2 years. They came up with a list of 71 things. The first thing they started off with was obviously recreation because recreation is one where you can get parents who are not accustomed to dealing together to deal together.

So they have something like three baseball teams.

They have their own library now. They have their own operation headstart which is their own and nobody elses', according to their own interpretation of their needs.

There was a chance to have Federal help in this program and they turned it down because they felt under their own ideas, their own work, they could do it better. They have a music program, they have a very extensive community center area where there are all kinds of activities. They built the building themselves.

They made a recreation area, for example, with their swings. They had not been able to afford to buy a swing or a seesaw. So they will go out and get individual pieces of pipe and wait until there is a sufficient accumulation in order to solder them together and then they will get a board or a piece of rubber to put over the board to sit on and gradually get their chains.

I think our swings took four or five months to accumulate, much less build. But it is all their own work.

Nothing given.

Mrs. GREEN. How does this impetus to do these things which they obviously have not been doing come about? Do you go into these meetings which you described earlier and stir people up?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Let me give an example of one boy. Let us call him Henry, who, when this work started, was from a welfare family with very severe problems. He was a school dropout and one reason he was a school dropout was that at that time there was not a bus to take him to school and the school was 30 miles away.

In any case he was a dropout and depressed and had more or less given up. He was 17, which is in that swing stage. We began to work with this boy. In the first place before I even talked personally about change or program I spent 6 months there every day, all day, just being there, becoming an object which they became accustomed to, who was not only there before elections but after elections, and who obviously did not take anything away from them and who, in fact, was