

Mr. QUIE. Making 16.

Mrs. SHAFFER. Sixteen.

Mr. QUIE. How big a board?

Mrs. SHAFFER. Thirty-two. So it is half and half.

Mr. QUIE. You have made it?

Mrs. SHAFFER. We really fought for it too. As Mr. Holmes said, the problems that we really need to reach we are not reaching because day care is a main problem in Connecticut. We have one day care center in Hartford sponsored by the women's league. We have one by the city. They are not even tapping the resources of the people that they could because they don't have the facilities.

As he spoke, the welfare women would like to get off welfare if we could have day care but nobody has the money to fund the day care program.

Mr. HOLMES. We have a \$2 million program.

Mrs. SHAFFER. That is true, but we don't get that much out of it for day care. I don't know exactly what was allocated for day care out of \$2 million, some of it was, but we are not going to be able to do anything with it. Day care is a big problem in Connecticut. I know this because I have been fighting for it for over a year.

I have gotten nowhere. We have in Hartford a church that was offered to us. We had to fight the code inspectors, the fire inspectors and everybody else. It was used as a church but it could not be used as day care.

We finally got that passed. Then we had to have money for the director. Mr. Vanderbilt who runs the league day care offered to train a director, to get one. Nobody has the money for day care. But everything else you get.

Mr. QUIE. Would you like to make a comment about Hartford?

Mr. RUSSELL. My name is Samuel Russell. I am from Hartford. We have two problems. One is houses. The other is day care. Speaking about day care, I have been living in this one particular area for a period of 10 years. We have, I would say, about 600 kids in this area. We have a lot of mothers who like to work, they ask to work, they are willing to work. They are getting assistance from welfare. But they don't have any place to put the kids, no one to keep the kids. They have been writing letters to Congress, one thing or another and they still don't seem to get any place.

They have a small day care center in the area where I live but it does not help the situation too much. Now we could have, as I say, a day care center in Hartford. If we could get one in South Arsenal it would actually cut down on some of your tax funds. You would have more people that could work and it would cut down on the tax problem.

Mr. QUIE. There is more and more a realization in Congress of the need of day care centers.

Now, Mr. Holmes said in his testimony that there was a damage to the poverty program by earmarking a large share of the fiscal 1967 appropriation. I thought there would be. I thought it would be unwise last year. I didn't make as big a fuss last year as I will this year, because I think it is proven now that the best way we can distribute the money is through versatile programs—through decisions that can be made, so that the programs that you need at Hartford are the ones you utilize, the ones you need in Waterbury are the ones you utilize.