

from Marion College in Fond du Lac and is now a valuable member of the staff and has coordinated the activities in our Headstart and day care activities. She has done an outstanding job.

Others I can refer to, nonprofessional aids who have now taken on the enthusiasm of our very enthusiastic director and has aimed for furthering her education. She has six children, wants to become a social worker at this point, and is enrolled presently for the fall term at Marion College to initiate her college education, continue on as a nonprofessional aid part time, to enable her to get enough to pay the babysitters and continue her education toward the point where she wants to contribute to society what this program has done for her.

My concern is that we do not look at the overall focus of the program. Being a person who wears two hats, working for the county level of government, this economic opportunity is a second load, I feel that there has to be some coordination point and whether it is focused in this office as a liaison under the county framework of government should be given some consideration.

I think it is a good area. I still think we can have the poor people involved as a policy background.

My concern is that we do not go off fighting each other as some of these other areas and agencies state they are having trouble in. We have not had this problem. Maybe we are lucky and maybe it is due to the dynamic director that we have. I will be glad to answer any questions that I can. I have a file of information for you.

Chairman PERKINS. I, at this time, will introduce Mrs. Small.

Go ahead, Mrs. Small. I am delighted to welcome you here this morning.

**STATEMENT OF ANNIE LEE SMALL, DIRECTOR, ACTION, INC.,
ATHENS, GA.**

Mrs. SMALL. Mr. Chairman, members of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I am Mrs. Annie Lee Small from Athens, Ga., coowner of radio station WYTH, a member of the Morgan County Community Action Committee, a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Action, Inc., chartered in 1965, in November, which serves as an umbrella organization under which six county Community Action committees operate and work.

The six counties served by Action, Inc., are located in what is popularly and correctly termed the Bible Belt of Georgia. This area represents a total population of something over 70,000 people, rural in nature principally.

The percentage of Negro population per county ranges from 13 to 53 percent. The percentage of all families with incomes less than \$3,000 ranges from 42 to 55 percent per county.

Paradoxically, the potential work force now unemployed is quite small. It has been estimated that from 48 to 60 percent of the total number of housing units in the six county area are substandard and that from 50 to 54 percent of the persons per county who are 25 years of age and older have less than 8 years of education.

While the area I represent is certainly right for the type of opportunities offered through the antipoverty program I would not like to give the impression that ours is a totally depressed or apathetic