

You see, we have had some witnesses say, "We should continue this until a certain period goes by and then do away with it, but this is not the time to do away with it."

I read you sir, as saying something different. I read you as saying that OEO should remain as a permanent part of the Federal Government with certain programs being moved out from time to time. Is that correct?

Mr. WARD. As of this time.

Because one of the problems confronting local government, sir, is that we have 400-some-odd grant-in-aid programs, many of which are not related to the poor, Federal-aid to highways, and so on.

We have all these programs with their various requirements, various means of implementation, and as is pointed out in the editorial that was mentioned, it makes it difficult at the local level to get these programs together into some type of meaningful, coordinated approach.

We feel, of course, the best place to do this is to provide the local officials with the mechanism themselves to bring it together, but at the national level there has to be some type of agency or group of agencies which are entrusted with this responsibility.

Senator Scott, of Pennsylvania, has introduced legislation which has been joined in by members of both parties on this side, which would establish this physical planning in the Executive Office of the President, what we envision OEO is doing now.

If that would become a reality and evolution would come about. Perhaps OEO would no longer need to be in existence as this coordinating mechanism that we think is desirable at this time.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You would see the department which was established to deal essentially with problems of health and problems of education and problems of welfare, doing that coordinating work. Is it your answer that you do not see HEW doing that coordinating?

Mr. WARD. You see, there are other aspects to it besides health, education, and welfare. There are the problems which HUD have, and so forth.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you, Mr. McDermott, and Mr. Ward. We appreciate your appearing.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. In order to accommodate Cynthia Parsons, we will still let the Job Corps witnesses remain on the side for a few moments. I know everybody wants to question some witnesses.

We are glad to welcome you here, Miss Parsons.

STATEMENT OF MISS CYNTHIA PARSONS, EDUCATOR EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Miss PARSONS. Thank you, sir.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Chairman, may I make a comment, that Miss Cynthia Parsons has been the education editor of the Christian Science Monitor for 5 years.

As a journalist she has been following very closely what has been going on, and she recently toured 13 vocational educational schools in the United States and Canada. As the chairman knows, because we had some conversation earlier about what vocational schools are do-