

Whether it goes forward 1 year and back another, whether it is expanded or restricted, community action is here to stay because we know it is needed.

Our communities, urban or rural, need community action to be a bridge between old systems and new problems.

It is a new means for bringing together public and private resources and solving problems which are not confined to either the public or private sector.

We need community action to revive and sustain democratic participation for all the groups in our communities. I firmly believe it can help us in all these ways and many more. All the problems will not be answered nor will all the needs be met, but it is a step forward and in the right direction.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to compliment you on what I consider to be a very fine statement.

Have you done all your social work in Cincinnati?

Mr. HANSAN. No, sir, I have worked in Kansas City, Missouri; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Peoria, Ill., and then Cincinnati.

Chairman PERKINS. I wanted to say it has been my observation that some of the most effective local directors in my State have been so coordinated.

Mr. Ayres?

Mr. AYRES. I will pass until I have the opportunity to read the first part of his statement.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ashbrook?

Mr. ASHBROOK. One of the things said about the poverty program is that most people are insensitive of what is going on and we don't know about the larger world of poverty.

I am inclined to agree. But when we hear these glowing comments of how OEO is operating, I am inclined to think there is another world of OEO that is not getting as much attention as it should.

While I feel there are a great many problems not brought to our attention in Cincinnati, I realize that is not Mr. Hansan's problem alone.

First, the community councils mentioned on page 27, you say 25 community councils have been set up.

Mr. HANSAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASHBROOK. Are you aware of the West End Community Council?

Mr. HANSAN. Yes, I am very much aware of it.

Mr. ASHBROOK. I notice your address is 820 Linn Street Mall, and the Community Action Council is 822 Linn Street Mall, so I presume it is next door to you?

Mr. HANSAN. It's upstairs.

Mr. ASHBROOK. So I assume you are aware of their activities.

Are any of the employees on the staff working in the West End Community Council?

Mr. HANSAN. Let me say first of all, it may help you to realize my further connection with the program, when I was director of community house, it was my job to revive the West End Community Council before the war on poverty was initiated.

Subsequently we have had offices in several locations, but because of the limitation of funds, and so on, they use this space that my