

not as to whether you should come to see whether there is a law violated or not. We are not here for that purpose today. We know that this committee has under its jurisdiction many, many programs other than OEO.

Mr. THOMPSON. Will the chairman yield?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. THOMPSON. I don't know whether I understood Mr. Clancy's statement correctly, but if I did it would seem to me that he has reached the conclusion with which he wants us to agree. It seems to me that this isn't bilateral in the slightest, if I understand the statement. Apparently they are about to establish in their minds involvement which we are to agree with without having the opportunity to hear both sides.

Now, your offer, as I understood it, is that both sides will be heard. I appreciate the witness's sacrifice of money and time and effort to be here. I think it is splendid. Somehow or other an arrangement could be made to hear other people, I am sure.

Mr. O'HARA. Will the chairman yield to me for just a moment?

Chairman PERKINS. The gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. O'HARA. The gentleman from Ohio suggested that a statement was made in the City Council of Cincinnati that this program hadn't done the people of Cincinnati any good at all.

Mr. CLANCY. No, sir.

Mr. O'HARA. What was the statement?

Mr. HELD. That was not said. Could I read my statement? We will go from there and you cross-examine me afterwards.

Mr. O'HARA. I am not going to cross-examine you now, but I just simply wanted to say that as I understood Mr. Clancy's statement we are being told that we ought to go to Cincinnati because a statement had been made in the city council that this program, although spending money, was not doing any good.

I would simply like to suggest that if the author of the statement would care to present the facts and figures on which he based that statement, perhaps the committee might be willing to go.

Mr. HELD. Mr. Chairman, may I reply?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. HELD. Sir, there was never a statement made, that this program, this OEO program, by anybody was a failure. In the aftermath of our riots a self-appointed group of leaders came to the city officials and simply stated and restated—and it is in the public press, which I will be happy to send to the committee, sir—that nothing has been done for the downtrodden, the underprivileged, and the unemployed. It was our position that if this statement is true we should find out about it and find out where all this money went, and if it is not true I think we ought to know that too, sir, but if I could go on with my statement I might answer some of my own questions, sir. Cincinnati first of all, is a community of 502,000 people in a metropolitan area of about 1 million people. I am not here, and I want to make this quite clear, as an official representative of the Cincinnati City Council. But I feel sure, and I think you can be sure and I think you can find out easily enough, that my queries, my observations, and my appeal to you here today do reflect the sentiments of the vast majority of the citizens of our Cincinnati community.