

I would like permission to read a letter, though, dated July 1967. I will read it in full. This is a letter from Hewis H. Evans, the Area Manager of the Ohio State Employment Service. It is to the city manager of the city of Cincinnati. The purpose of my reading this letter, gentlemen, is to show the lack of coordination or to indicate it, the lack of coordination between programs particularly our manpower programs in the city of Cincinnati.

DEAR MR. WIGHMAN: You are no doubt aware of a public announcement appearing on Friday, July 7, concerning the establishment of a "temporary labor exchange" involving cooperation of several job finding agencies which is to begin Monday at the Community Action Commission. The release indicated that plans have been worked out among four agencies, including the Ohio State Employment Service and contained a plea to all employers who have summer job openings to contact the Community Action Commission.

Our office was completely unaware of this arrangement prior to reading the announcement and did not participate in the planning.

The Cincinnati office of OSES, including the Youth Opportunity Center, began planning early this spring to participate in the President's campaign to secure summer employment for youths which was spearheaded by Vice President Humphrey. Much publicity attended the initiation of this campaign and included the mailing of hundreds of letters to local employers to solicit their active participation in the program and encourage them to list all their summer job openings with OSES. The program has been pursued diligently and, of course, is still in progress at the present time. We are also heavily involved in a permanent program of Human Resources Development (HRD), in which the full cooperation of other agencies and groups is not only heartily welcome but is mandatory if the desired results are to be achieved.

We are not in a position to delegate the responsibility assigned to our agency by the President of the United States and we consider the "temporary labor exchange" as a dilution of this nationwide effort, a situation which we have constantly tried to avoid in Cincinnati and which surely can only work to the disadvantage of those whom we are obligated to serve.

Mr. Chairman, I am not pointing a finger at the Community Action Commission or anybody else. I use this just to indicate some of the confusion we have in our area regarding these programs.

I also would like to say at this time that we are not here to scuttle your program or your bill in any way. I think our purpose is the same as Mr. Hansan's. I think we feel we represent the poor also. I think our main reason is to try in our way, and obviously you and some of your members don't agree, to insure, be insured in a maximum way that this program will be as efficient as is humanly possible, particularly under current circumstances, and that we would do everything to see that it is.

I will finish with my final paragraph.

Mrs. GREEN. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Mrs. Green.

Mrs. GREEN. Some of us on this committee have sat here for dozens and dozens of hours and we have probably listened to 3 or 4,000 pages of testimony. I don't see why the gentleman who is a member of the city council of Cincinnati should try to decide how much of the editorial he wants to read, and I am requesting that he or Mr. Clancy would read that editorial. I as one member of the committee would appreciate it at this time.

Chairman PERKINS. He has the right to read it and he refuses to.

Mr. HELD. Mrs. Green, we appreciate your courtesy. Thank you. I really don't think it is that pertinent. I was only at the time trying to point out the reasons and leading up to the reasons of exactly why