

and it often takes 30 minutes in a jeep to reach a paved road. This same county also has one of the nation's highest birth rates. This one project has done more for the people of Leslie County than any other.

6. Cultural enrichment is a program for 50 college students to earn money during the summer by participating in community organization, recreation, and cultural activities. These students could not continue their education without the aid of summer earnings.

We have six other programs recently funded, too new to evaluate.

The local unrest so publicized a few years ago has in my opinion been halted by OEO programs. Unemployed and underemployed persons now have something to look forward to—someone cares about their well-being and is aiding them to upgrade their standards of living.

We have no racial problems, we have had none and expect none.

Mr. Chairman, I could elaborate on this if you would want me to.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mayor DAWAHARE. I am a son of an immigrant that came to this country, and my father could not speak English when he came here at all. I was brought up in a minority group, so I think that I understand the feelings of most of the minority people. When I was elected mayor, we did have a few problems with our minority group. Some of our Negro people came to me with their problems.

I asked all the Negroes in our city to meet in city hall, I said:

"I could name your chairman, but I would rather that you named your own spokesman and committee, and when you name this committee, if you have any grievances or any problems, you come to myself and the city commissioners and we will iron them out."

This was 6 years ago. They selected their chairman or chairwoman, one I would not have selected, I would have selected someone else, but they selected their own spokesman, and since, we have had no problems. We have worked out a lot of them, but we have had no problems whatsoever, so we expect none really.

Chairman PERKINS. You have been abiding by community actions on your own initiative for several years?

Mayor DAWAHARE. We certainly have.

Chairman PERKINS. Poor and local people, and letting them do their own selecting.

Mayor DAWAHARE. We certainly have. As you can understand, our school was the first in the South to integrate. We have never had any problems and we only have 8 percent population Negro, but yet 80 percent of our athletic kings have been from the minority groups, and we have about 20 or 30 of our high school graduates that have scholarships that go up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of the greatest athletes in Kentucky came from Hazard High School, and they were given a chance and we have never had any problem.

Even one of our Negro students was second highest in his class. So we have really had a wonderful relationship. We understand each other's problems and we work together.

Chairman PERKINS. I believe you are in the clothing store business.

Mayor DAWAHARE. Yes, sir. I will come to that in a few minutes.

Chairman PERKINS. Your daddy came over here as an immigrant and could not even speak English?