

Mr. CARSTENSON. I think the language in your bill is very excellent. I have not seen anyone else's language in any program or law that I think would give a more equitable distribution of programs and I certainly commend you for that incentive, creative language. It is very good.

Mr. QUIE. I thought that language was limited to OEO from the testimony we have had.

Mr. GOODELL. For that we will be on a cloud for awhile.

Mr. QUIE. At the bottom of page 2 you say "often misdirected in spite of voluntary efforts."

What do you mean by that?

Mr. CARSTENSON. Again, this was passed in March and by the very taking of this position we have been successful particularly in certain regional offices, for example, the Chicago regional office about which I am sure you are well aware, the regional staff is going off in all directions and making life pretty miserable for the rural CAP directors and I am familiar with many of them in Minnesota, and they have problems getting the programs going because of the misdirection and despite the statements coming out of the regional office.

I think the new regional director is making some progress. I am seeing some improvement even more than there has been in the past 2 or 3 months but there has been a lot of misinformation and misdirection coming out prepared by regional staffs where they have gone around and said things when they were not well enough informed about OEO policy or particular legislation.

Mr. QUIE. I yield to my colleague, Mr. Goodell.

Mr. CARSTENSON. I would like to make one comment before you have to leave. In the course of my testimony I did not want to indicate in any way at the bottom of page 12 that I was referring to your bill as tearing apart OEO is not the solution.

I agree that many people have not read your bill and Mr. Goodell's bill and I don't think this is referring to them. I do feel that much more serious and direct reading carefully of the things in the bill is very essential to all of the members of the committee, and I would hope instead of just fireworks at this time we can get an agreement in the committee, taking some of the points you have made, and, in turn, perhaps on the other hand taking some of the points that the committee has made, and I would suggest perhaps that one possibility might be to leave OEO intact by transferring it over to HEW and, as I indicate here, a possibility of an Under Secretary rather than an Assistant Secretary and see if this might not be a way, one, to keep this image of OEO whole, yet bring it into proximity for this transfusion to other agencies in HEW and elsewhere and get better administration.

So taking the points you have made in your bill and the points of the democratic side of the aisle would be considered.

Mr. QUIE. Let me say in the beginning you have not made the mistake so many others have made in assuming that the propaganda charges are correct.

You have read the opportunity crusade and the first time you talked to me about it I realized you knew what you were talking about and you realized what we are attempting to do. Also, your suggestion of an Under Secretary, I think, is an excellent one. I think we will see, when we make changes based on testimony, that this is one that we are going to make. I just want to say I appreciate the constructive way in which