

make those drugs available, I don't see why that should be a horrible thing.

Mr. QUIE. If this expands to the cities, where I have heard that there is an area where people live in poverty, that the private businesses go out and—whenever there are 80 percent or more in poverty, that means the other 20, 19, 18 percent who are not in poverty also can receive free drugs.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Shriver has stated that these people for the most part are in the planning stages, that these programs are not put together here in Washington. They are put together by local communities, in the communities which know the local problems and who work at the local solutions and those local businessmen then sit in on those boards.

Is this correct, or am I mistaken?

Mr. SHRIVER. What Congressman Quie wants is what a lot of other people have said. They want to have assurance that no doctor or dentist or druggist is going to be injured by the arrival of this program.

Mr. QUIE. Or put out of business.

Mr. SHRIVER. Or put out of business. So far that hasn't happened. We have had this problem come up. The Watts case was a good case, there were eight doctors out there in what was called the John Bruce society, and it worked out.

It has been handled at the local level, the doctors, druggists, and dentists got together at the center and solved it. It differs from place to place.

Mrs. GREEN. Would the gentleman yield?

In response to Mr. Pucinski's question, you said the local people made the decisions.

In the program you outlined with respect to Portland a few weeks ago, where you make provisions that a thousand poor families will be selected and total hospital and medical care will be provided for them, wasn't that decision made here in Washington, that this would be a program that you would put into operation in Portland?

Dr. ENGLISH. That was a proposal from that community, though, Mrs. Green, that it be done in that way, in an already-existing health care system.

In other words, that was an extension of the Kaiser—

Mrs. GREEN. Prior to the application, but the people in Portland were not involved in any other way except the application, which you approved of. Isn't that correct?

Dr. ENGLISH. The community action program in Portland participated in that program, so that to that extent the community was involved.

Mrs. GREEN. Before your approval of the program?

Dr. ENGLISH. Yes, ma'am; that is my recollection.

Mr. SHRIVER. Actually, that wasn't so important. It was a mistake—the guidelines says that the local community action group must participate. In those cases where something went wrong, we heard about it pretty fast, and you might say backtracked and came back in again, having made the contacts in the community to make sure that it did represent the community attitudes.

So if it isn't done that way, it is wrong; it was a mistake. Maybe it was a mistake. I don't know.