

ments, and the family would arrange a pension program. At the present time we are bringing women in from foreign countries for such jobs. They return to those foreign countries and draw social security payments. So you are hurting the balance of payments.

Secretary WIRTZ. I want to check about the social security.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I am sure this is right. I do not have any question about it at all. To my amazement we have substantial numbers of people even in Yugoslavia who do nothing but check on social security recipients and some of these people in some countries are women who have worked here as domestics. So it seems to me that it would be to our interests if you would move some of these women around.

(See pp. 366ff. for tables relating to above.)

Secretary WIRTZ. There is a very real question as to whether the American people are going to do this type of work.

Representative GRIFFITHS. If they know such jobs are available, I am sure they will respond. I came from a very poor area of this country, Mr. Secretary, and I know that a lot of these people have no idea that such work is available and that it pays these prices.

Do you or do you not have a group within your Department that is seeking equal pay for equal work?

Secretary WIRTZ. We do have.

Representative GRIFFITHS. How large is that group?

Secretary WIRTZ. I would have to supply that for the record. It is handled by the Wage and Hour people and I do not think that there is a large, separate group on it.

(The information requested follows:)

The Equal Pay Act was incorporated by the Congress into the FLSA so as to make possible a check on compliance with the equal pay standard in each investigation conducted under the Act. Originally the proposal considered by the Congress was for a separate equal pay act. As it now stands, a check on compliance with the equal pay standard was made in each one of the more than 57,000 investigations completed in the last fiscal year and in the more than 28,000 completed in the first six months of this fiscal year. It would be fair to say that the equal pay investigatory staff comprises all of the investigators of the Wage and Hour Division.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I have a letter from a woman in Pennsylvania who writes, "I have worked in a large factory near Pittsburgh for 15 years. In 1963 the company and union signed into the labor agreement a labor pool which included job class 1 through 4 which is common laborer. We worked in this pool. Now the union of which I am a member signed a new agreement which classified male and female jobs with the company.

"Now, instead of going into this pool I am laid off when the job is slow. The union said no woman will take the job. The company has gone right along with it. Can title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 help us? There are about 50 of us women laid off and the company is hiring men to sweep and do common labor which we have done in the past." Can you help them, Mr. Wirtz?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes, ma'am.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Will you do it?

Secretary WIRTZ. If you give me their names.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I have sent the letter to you, but what can you do for them?