

Yes, to date, only 11 States have taken advantage of that program, and in fact I have a list of 32 jurisdictions that have given us notice that they are not intending at the present time to implement it.

I think this is extremely unfortunate, and included in the President's recommendations this year, is a recommendation that, as a basis for getting welfare payments, the States would have to have a community work training program, so that employable people on welfare would be given an opportunity for work and training to help them get off the welfare rolls.

Senator TALMADGE. I supported that program and I am in sympathy with it, but I am talking about a citizen who is now drawing welfare benefits, and someone offers him a job, "Come go to work for me." He says, "No, I don't want to" and he continues to draw his welfare benefits. Do you have any programs that could cut them off and say, "You ought to quit loafing and start making a living for yourself?"

Mr. COHEN. Yes. I don't know all the facts about a particular type of case, but if he is an employable person and drawing benefits under the aid to families with dependent children, and refuses to accept a bona fide work opportunity, the State may exclude him from assistance.

Senator TALMADGE. One of the things that I also hear considerable criticism about, too, is the ADC program. Lots of women from time to time for various reasons find it a more interesting life to produce children and to receive welfare benefits than to work. I believe in some of our urban areas, they draw as high as several hundred dollars a month for aid to dependent children, don't they?

Mr. COHEN. For a family of three or four children, yes, that would be possible.

Senator TALMADGE. What programs does the Government have of trying to eliminate this subsidization of illegitimacy at the taxpayers' expense?

Mr. COHEN. We have this dilemma. After the child is born, we are faced with the problem of taking care of the child irrespective of what the family circumstances may have been or the previous situation, and I think it is important, whatever the situation may have been, that those children grow up to be responsible citizens. So we have that problem.

Over the course of the last year, we have announced to the States that they may use Federal funds for a family planning program. States may use the Federal funds to have a family planning program of information and services for people receiving cash assistance or medical assistance under medicare.

Senator TALMADGE. Some of them are more interested in the money than they are the family planning aspect of it. I would hope, Mr. Secretary, that you would make a diligent effort to study these various programs. I think we ought to be careful so as not to destroy the incentive to work. I was happy to hear you make a similar comment.

Those in need, fine. Let's assist them all we can. But let's try to devise some program to keep it from becoming so attractive to make a life on welfare continue sometimes into the third generation. There ought to be some action whereby the States and the Federal Government could join hands and say to the welfare recipients, "Now look