

If you talk about a massive public relations program, there is no better public relations program than when everybody is involved on a national basis.

Mr. SCHERLE. The reason for a Federal program is that it can be easily administered over the 50 States rather than 50 different pieces of legislation over the 50 different States. It is easier to handle?

Mr. HUTTON. This is true.

Mr. SCHERLE. From the comment made by our esteemed chairman, I feel you have every right to call for the position of Miss Genevieve Blatt. If this is to be your representative appointed by the President, I don't think you are getting much representation.

Is she salaried?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes. Miss Genevieve Blatt is an able person, but she is awfully busy. She was not given much staff when she went to OEO. I do think in the deliberations taking place on the OEO bill now—

Mr. SCHERLE. As important as this piece of legislation is to you and our senior citizens, I don't think it is right that she is not here to hear some of the testimony that has been given. I think she has been a little neglectful in her responsibility.

Mr. HUTTON. I wouldn't like to say that. She can't be in two places and I know there is another hearing going on on the poverty bill and she may be there. I don't know. I would like to see her here.

Mr. SCHERLE. I think she should have been here, particularly for this type of testimony.

Now, you spent a great deal of time in your testimony with regard to the OEO. You claim they show a great deal of discrimination. You also know OEO was set up under a CAP program that was locally instituted and governed. You also know that this is done more or less on the local level because you have your area boards.

Now, to go and bring in other facets of this thing, have you contacted Mr. Shriver in regard to some of the apparent discrimination shown to these people in the OEO?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes, sir; we have on many, many occasions.

Mr. SCHERLE. Why hasn't there been something done? I have seen nothing offered to you.

Mr. HUTTON. I am extremely hopeful that in the bills on the future of OEO, which are coming out in the House and the Senate, we will have more attention paid to the problems of the elderly. In particular the distinguished Claude Pepper of Florida has introduced four very important amendments as far as we are concerned. For example, one calling for earmarking of \$150 million for programs for the elderly and, two, calling for maximum use of elderly throughout all programs of OEO.

In the bill about to come before the Senate for discussion, I understand for the first time a real national program, in addition to the other national programs such as Headstart and the legal services, there is for consideration before the Senate the idea of instituting Project Find on a national basis to seek and find those elderly people who have been disengaged from society or who live in lonely rooms and who need services.

Mr. SCHERLE. You feel the OEO has overlooked the senior citizens and elderly as far as their present programs?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes, that could be said.