

Mr. MYERS. You have not really set up your guidelines yet; the whole committee will do this, you have just now started to appoint the committees because of these.

Mr. SHAMPAINE. The first thing we really want to do is find out what the facts are, analyze the facts, then determine policies and program and proceed from there.

Mr. MYERS. You expect to have hearings similar to what we are having here and go further into the detail; is that correct?

Mr. SHAMPAINE. As far as the local situation is concerned, yes.

Mr. MYERS. Thank you very much.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mrs. McGowan, maybe you can begin.

STATEMENTS OF MRS. ETTA MCGOWAN AND MRS. DELLA JACKSON

Mrs. MCGOWAN. My name is Etta McGowan, I am a resident of the Igoe project. I have heard the reports coming from the different organizations and agencies, and I wanted to say that everything that you heard is true. It is all true and we the tenants that are here representing Pruitt-Igoe today go along with the reports as being true, because we are victims of some of the things that have happened in our community, that is, in the store that we trade. We only have one chainstore there, that is Kroger. That's the only chainstore that is in our vicinity close enough for us to get to, other than transportation, which you know we don't have too much of, other than the bus service that has been offered to us through Father Shocklee.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. How far is the nearest supermarket other than that one Kroger store?

Mrs. MCGOWAN. Fourteenth Street.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You have to tell us in blocks.

Mrs. MCGOWAN. Well, I'd say it is about a mile, mile and a half, something like that.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Is it your opinion that the average housewife is not prepared to walk a mile to do her shopping?

Mrs. MCGOWAN. Yes, sir; especially for shopping, because you have to think on the terms of bringing your groceries back home. I don't know even what transportation we could use. It is bus service but I don't know what bus service we could use because I haven't been over there to shop, but we do know that that is the closest one.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mrs. Jackson, did you want to say anything?

Mrs. JACKSON. Well, I have four children and I have an elderly aunt that I have to buy for, and she is on a special diet, and there is only one chainstore where you can buy some of the special foods and that is Kroger. About 3 years ago I had started buying completely out of the area.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Where do you buy?

Mrs. JACKSON. I go out in the county to the stores to shop, Foodtown.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. How do you get there?

Mrs. JACKSON. I have brothers that have cars that I ask to take me.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Why do you do that?

Mrs. JACKSON. I feel I can't afford the prices in our area and then some of the foods aren't what I would want to feed my people.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Where do you go shopping?