

shown to be all that much better training than the mother's. The mother has then been used as a cheap source of taking care of her own children. I happen to think this may be a big mistake, that maybe we should rethink the whole issue of how we are going to take care of these children. Once we settle that, then you can raise the issue of what we are going to do about the mother. But you cannot continue to punish children for the sins of the mother, or father, or both.

Representative GRIFFITHS. But it seems to me one of the things you can do is not put it on a child basis but give it to anybody below a certain age, man or woman.

Mr. MORGAN. No matter what you call it, the result is the same, if you insist on taking care of these children, unless you are going to pay somebody else.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Perhaps if you give her the income without the children, you do not call the additional children into being.

Mr. MORGAN. You cannot give a woman with no children the same guaranteed income you give a mother with four children.

Representative GRIFFITHS. If you gave her some income. What you are now saying and you are going to continue to say it, if you put it on child allowance basis, you do not get anything unless you have a child. We are really subsidizing bastardy, and it is one thing we have enough of in the country in reality. Actually, this is true.

Mr. MORGAN. I am an economist, but I really do not believe economic motivation works quite this simply. There is a large number of people who are not very well informed about the facts of life and who are perpetually getting in other kinds of difficulties which would indicate that their planning horizons are such that the present systems for avoiding families are inappropriate for them.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I am a politician and the criticism that you get on the whole scheme is that this is what we are doing. Therefore, why do we not think up a scheme that at least avoids this criticism?

Mr. MORGAN. Why don't you legalize abortion in the first place?

Representative GRIFFITHS. No, you do not have to do it that way. The negative income tax system to me is much more appealing than a child allowance system.

Mr. MORGAN. We have to get some kind of system where a single person can get some kind of support. In many States, we do have. We do have, after all, assistance payments that are allowed for single people in many States. There is nothing wrong with this. But we have the basic problem that there is no way to punish people for having large families without punishing the children.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I will agree with that. But if you began by saying that the only people who can get any money are those who have children, then you are already off on the wrong track.

Mr. MORGAN. What we are talking about is what we do to supplement a present system.

Representative GRIFFITHS. As I say, the thing with which I have the most difficulty is the child allowance system. The thing which sounds best to me is the negative income tax system.

Mr. MORGAN. They all end up paying larger families more than smaller families.