

program says we will pick up all the people at the very bottom of society. What are they going to do? May I refer you to my published statement.

Senator PROXMIRE. They will work and in your statement, you say this is the kind of thing at which we should work not only more intensively, but more intelligently. This is something I think you can get great support for in the Congress. Place more emphasis on education. We know how this pays off in so many ways.

Mr. THEOBALD. Let me say why I believe what we must not say to a person, "You must hold a job and as a consequence of holding that job, you get an income." Rather, we must decide as a society that we have a profound societal responsibility to provide an income and to help find an activity which will be meaningful to the individual. I am not suggesting that we give the person who is now employed an income and then provide no human services. Many of these people can be moved into activities but first they must find motivation. The Government, as an employer of last resort, will not motivate them.

Senator PROXMIRE. You say we have a profound societal responsibility to find them meaningful activity. If we do that who is going to mop the floors in this building, who is going to wait on tables?

Mr. THEOBALD. Robots.

Senator PROXMIRE. Who is going to do all the other things that are not pleasant, not fulfilling for most people?

Mr. THEOBALD. I am afraid where we probably do not agree is that I believe we already live in a science fiction world. The time it will take for us to get ready for the fact that we do not have to do unpleasant jobs and to teach our children to live with a science fiction world means we must begin to change now.

Senator PROXMIRE. But we do not live in that kind of science fiction world now. There are unpleasant jobs now, probably will be for the next 10 years.

Mr. THEOBALD. The guaranteed income helps to abolish unpleasant jobs because it makes it necessary to pay for jobs that are unpleasant at rates above the guaranteed income level. As the rate for unpleasant jobs rises, the market mechanism acts to develop machines to do unpleasant jobs. At the moment, our market mechanism is working against us.

Senator PROXMIRE. I see your objective. This is something that maybe eventually is going to work out. But meanwhile, we have this very hard, tough problem; we have the people who are overwhelmingly against your proposal but for a proposal that does lead to a better life, does lead to a better opportunity. I would feel inclined to push that faster and harder and expect that maybe the Theobald world will develop sometime for our grandchildren or great grandchildren.

Mr. THEOBALD. The time to find out that you have not enough gas to fly across the Atlantic is when you are less than half way across. What I am afraid of in your proposal is that will get us "more than half way across the Atlantic" because we will not realize the need for social change.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I think that both programs have something of this built into them; that is, that a guaranteed job might result, as you say, in slavery, but a guaranteed income might also result