

I think that your organization and the others represented here ought to be commended for the initiative they have taken in getting public attention on this problem. I hope we can make some progress.

Mr. MURPHY. Thank you, sir.

If we can put a man on the moon we certainly ought to be able to cover in a bricklayer at 30°.

Thank you.

Mr. O'HARA. Our next witness will be Mr. Maurice Fancher who is vice president of the Laborers' International Union.

Mr. Fancher, we are very happy to have you with us and I want to start right off by commending you for the initiative your organization has taken in this field.

I will be free to admit that it was Jack Curran and others from your organization who had a lot to do with getting these hearings going. We are looking forward to what you might have to say.

Mr. MEEDS. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. O'HARA. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. Could I have the pleasure of introducing one of the other members at the table?

Mr. O'HARA. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. The research director of the Laborers' International Union is James R. Sheets who is the son of Bob Sheets, one of our labor leaders.

Mr. O'HARA. In the State of Washington?

Mr. MEEDS. Yes; he is. Jim is also a very well regarded member of the labor movement in the State of Washington and now nationally and it is a pleasure to have him back here in Washington, D.C., at this time.

Mr. O'HARA. Does he maintain his legal residence out there?

Mr. MEEDS. I hope in the second district.

Mr. O'HARA. Thank you very much, Mr. Meeds.

Mr. Fancher, why don't you introduce your colleagues and then you may proceed with your testimony in any manner that you wish.

STATEMENT OF MAURICE FANCHER, VICE PRESIDENT, LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, ACCOMPANIED BY W. VERNIE REED, VICE PRESIDENT; ROBERT POWELL, VICE PRESIDENT; JACK CURRAN, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR; AND JAMES SHEETS, RESEARCH DIRECTOR, LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Mr. FANCHER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This gentleman on my right is Robert Powell, vice president of our international union, and on my left is Vernie Reed, a vice president of our international union whom I am sure you are acquainted with.

Then, of course, Jim Sheets has been introduced and I am sure you know Jack Curran. That is the group.

Mr. O'HARA. Yes; I am acquainted with these gentlemen, and Mr. Reed and I share an interest in international labor problems, you know.

Mr. FANCHER. Yes; I heard that you did have a mutual interest.