

Award but I thought a great big "E" for effort would be worthwhile for them because they did very well.

Senator Fournier: have you some questions?

Senator Fournier: Yes, I might ask some questions to get the ball rolling here. Now, if everybody had the minimum income, as you recommend—I am not mentioning any amount—would you still insist that all of your recommendations be followed? Do you still want what you are asking for? Would you want both or would you be satisfied with the minimum income? Would the minimum income solve most of your problems?

Miss Maxwell: No.

Miss Anne Marie McGrath, Member, South End Improvement Association: I do not feel that a minimum income will solve the problem but there are many other things that are not on an economic sphere which must be taken care of.

This is just part and parcel of the whole thing. We do not feel that if we got the minimum income tomorrow that everything else should be thrown out. That is just part of it.

Senator Fournier: Can you define for the Members here what you classify as the basic need for a family?

Miss McGrath: The basic need?

Senator Fournier: Yes.

Miss McGrath: I think that as far as most people are concerned basic needs seem to be food, clothing, shelter and medical care, but I think too, access to some of the things that they do not have, such as proper educational facilities. These are the needs we consider basic needs.

Senator Fournier: How about a car, automobile or telephone?

Miss McGrath: That is still material.

Senator Fournier: A television set?

Miss McGrath: That is still material.

Senator Fournier: You would not classify them as basic needs?

Miss McGrath: Yes, it could be.

Senator Fournier: A telephone would be, I would imagine.

Miss McGrath: I would think so. I would think that in 1970 a television could possibly be. I think we mentioned in our brief a newspaper. It is not right that today a newspaper should be a luxury and yet in many families it is a luxury they cannot afford.

Senator Fournier: Are you satisfied with the educational system of today?

Miss McGrath: No, I am not.

Senator Fournier: Would you point out some of the missing links?

Miss McGrath: There are a great number of missing links, Senator Fournier. I think one of the missing links right now is the fact we ignore children up until the time they enter school at 6 years of age.

I think too we do not take into consideration the children who come from deprived families have very little in common with children who have probably come from middle-class surroundings and middle-class homes.

I think that is part of our problem and I also think we do not make proper provision for these people who are not academically inclined.

That is part and parcel of it.

Senator Fournier: All right. I thank you and I will pass to somebody else. for the moment.

Senator Hastings: Mr. Chairman, I would like to turn to the last paragraph of the brief where you say:

Although none of the people to whom we spoke were awaiting miracles they do want to see a steady progression of events leading to concrete confrontation...

What do you mean by "concrete confrontation"?

Miss McGrath: Well, I think that you will admit that is nebulous but I think that we feel...

Senator Hastings: It is not very nebulous "confrontation".

Miss McGrath: It could come in so many different forms but I think we mean that instead of waiting a year for something to happen—it is not just up to this Committee, it is up to all of the people. Each and every one of us have to do something about the problem of poverty.