

records but the boys come, and the girls come and they get friendly and dance. There is much joy in them too, you know.

Mr. Curran: I agree. Naturally this is part of the drop-in centre but too often this is the total emphasis. A drop-in centre has got to be more than that.

Senator Quart: I think dancing is a marvelous thing for them. I really do.

Senator Hastings: I don't think these boys have asked for billions of dollars to be spent in Canada. All they are asking for is a support group to assist them in getting started and make it operate as they want it to operate. I can only tell you from experience in Calgary that it works. There is the store front and the young man will go there when he is in trouble because he can communicate with someone and someone can communicate with him. There are psychiatrists on call and doctors on call when they are needed and the boy on a bad trip or in trouble can go there sooner than to a hospital or his parents for help. It doesn't take a great deal of money, it takes commitment on the part of the support group to go there and make it work.

The Chairman: Who supports it in Calgary?

Senator Hastings: The College of Physicians. The doctors are on call.

Mr. Paikowsky: We are recommending that a psychiatrist should be available to whom we could refer serious individual problems.

Senator Hastings: No records are kept. It is run for the Youth.

Senator Quart: Do you have any old buildings, a hotel or any other old building that you would recommend that some group would pick up for you?

Mr. Curran: I hesitate to make a statement on this because it is very important. When we started to run the program we wanted to hold it in a place outside of the Y.M.C.A. and we went around the City and went to various people and asked them if we could use their vacant store front and as soon as they found out who we were and what we wanted the price went up so high it was impossible for us to finance this.

The Chairman: These are two very nice boys and the minute they describe what they have in mind they put the thumb down on them. They are not so sure about the others.

Senator Quart: I understand. I have 23 grandchildren and I find that I am the gap between the generations.

Senator McGrand: You have spoken about the lack of communication between children and their parents and the question of the hypocrisy of this generation of which we adults are members. Now youth has, I think, great objection to certain things that are going on in the world. Now among the young people that you know, the people who feel alienated from society, who are not satisfied with the way things are going on, what do they think of the money being spent on space travel and trips to the moon and such things as that? Is that a fair question?

Mr. Paikowsky: It is a fair question. If I could relate this to drop-in centres it would be much more to the point.

Senator McGrand: I was expecting you to say that. I said a while ago I never belonged to the establishment.

Mr. Paikowsky: Children cannot relate to their parent...let me get to that first. Children cannot relate to their parents, as we have discussed before, for several reasons. A general gap because a lot of families, especially the disadvantaged, have unwanted children, some of whom they have acquired through unwanted pregnancies, etcetera, etcetera. They don't have a real love for their children but reject their children and do not provide an environment of communication between the kids. When the kid comes home from school he has to rush out and deliver papers. There is no conversation at the dinner table. Mother and father may be working and there is no one home for him to talk to. There is your communication gap. I think this is where the drop-in centres could help.

As far as my friend's feelings on money allotted to things other than what we think are necessary many of my friends object very strenuously, and some more strenuously than I do, to where the money is going. This is why we feel the Committee on Poverty is important. Maybe now we can really look at where the money is going in this country. I think I read in the paper that you have heard over a hundred briefs. I am sure that 99 per cent of these briefs point to the problems in the society for the poor people. This is what is important to solve before we go to space. We have to help the people.

Senator McGrand: And that includes the unnecessary expenditures on space travel and