

approving grants or applications for grants. Members to be appointed by the President of the University, for one year (so that the personnel of the Committee may be subject to change).

Experience as to Research, Organisation, etc.

The following, expressed by persons interviewed, or gathered by the Director, may be recorded.

1. It was doubted at the outset whether concentration in research upon an area is not less effective than concentration upon a problem; and although first-class and pioneer work has been done in community research, it seems fair to say that it is concentration upon a problem - which may of course mean beginning on a small scale - which promises the most fruitful and effective results from cooperative research.

2. A programme drawn up to deal with all the aspects and ramifications of one problem, while difficult to formulate and probably to adhere to, has a distinct value in preventing the possibility of too many small or unrelated projects being undertaken. (It should also make somewhat easier the question of publication).

3. It is possible for the collection and compilation of basic data (demographical, industrial, and social character of the community) to be extended very widely (and quite easily too far, for our purposes). But the collection and analysis of some basic data is a first essential if the most fruitful lines of future research are to be determined. The University of Chicago in this field in particular has achieved impressive results.

4. The Research Committee method has undoubtedly achieved results in securing cooperation and the treatment of problems on non-departmental lines. It has demonstrated, at the same time, that the spirit of cooperation, as well as the organisation of it, is the key to the successful realisation of the projects.