

STATEMENT OF

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AT

FIELD HEARINGS

OF THE

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION & HUMAN NEEDS

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I AM PLEASED TO BE IN LOS ANGELES AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND HUMAN NEEDS.

THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE PROBLEMS OF MALNUTRITION IN THE UNITED STATES, THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMITTEE WILL HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS ON NEEDED ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE PRESENT PROGRAMS.

BEFORE HEARING TESTIMONY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, I WANT TO COMMEND PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR VERY RECENT PROPOSALS FOR AN EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM.

THIS IS THE LARGEST, MOST COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION EVER PROPOSED BY ANY ADMINISTRATION.

-TOWARD SOLVING THE 'INTOLERABLE' PROBLEMS-

I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE DEDICATION OF SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE ROBERT H. FINCH AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CLIFFORD M. HARDIN, WHILE TESTIFYING BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON IN WORKING TOWARD SOLUTION OF WHAT PRESIDENT NIXON DESCRIBED IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS AS AN "EMBARRASSING AND INTOLERABLE PROBLEM".

-BASIC ANSWER: REFORM WELFARE, EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS-

MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE REVISION AND INCREASED FUNDING OF EXISTING PROGRAMS WAS THE RECOGNITION BY SECRETARY FINCH THAT THESE PROGRAMS CAN PROVIDE ONLY TEMPORARY AND PIECEMEAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

AS HE INDICATED, OVER THE LONG RUN, THE MORE BASIC ANSWER TO MALNUTRITION AND MANY OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH POVERTY MUST BE FOUND IN A THOROUGH REFORM OF OUR PUBLIC WELFARE AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.