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Mrs. Chisholm. Thank you very much.

I am very glad to be here. Gentlemen, I am particularly glad to be here this morning to offer this testimony which is based on 20 years of experience as an educator, as a person who was director of one of the largest child-care centers in New York, and as a person who was an educational consultant for 7 years in New York City. During this time I worked at developing, evaluating and assessing programs for preschool children between the ages 3 and 5. This experience made me feel and realize that one of the things that we are not really doing in our Nation is really meeting the needs of the workingwomen of this country.

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, the day-care disaster we face in the United States is the result of America's tradition of discrimination against women. Even such liberal zealots as Dr. Spock believe the woman's "place" is in the home. The prevailing attitude is—if women "choose" to work, then they shall just have to

make "arrangements."

Women don't choose to work. They have to, and "arrangements" don't exist. Three million mothers are rearing their children in fatherless homes. Two out of three—64 percent or 1,920,000—of these mothers are the sole providers for their children. The rest of the women in our 32-million-strong female work brigade are supporting themselves or

together with their husbands are supporting their families.

Poor, working poor, lower middle class, middle class—they are all in the same boat. They are, like their husbands, breadwinners. In nearly one-third of our families where both parents work, the husband's income is less than \$5,000. As for "arrangements," only 2 percent of our women use group day-care facilities. The rest face a night-mare hodge-podge of "arrangements" with elderly relatives, a rapid turnover of sitters, and bleak custodial parking lots euphemistically called family-care centers.

If you're lucky, a family-care center means that the child will be safe, clean, fed, and lovingly cared for by a gentle soul who likes children. More likely than not, you won't be lucky, and the person in

charge may be emotionally disturbed, uneducated, alcoholic, so old

that they need help themselves, or all of the above.

During World War II, when we were fighting for freedom from tyranny and injustice, the Government pushed day care and care was provided for some 1,600,000 children. But after the war, "Rosie the Riveter" was expected to go back home. Nearly all of the Government day-care centers were shut down. Today when the number of workingwomen exceeds the World War II total by 6 million, licensed day-care

centers have shrunk to one-sixth their wartime capacity.

It's all part of a pattern. Look around you. Out of 435 Members of the House, 10 are women. Women make up a majority of our population, constitute nearly half of our labor force, but earn only \$3,773— Department of Labor Statistics, 1966—a year. Right now we have 5 million preschool children whose mothers have to work. Day care is currently available for only 641,000, and that happens to be the highest of figures I secured, of the number of spaces available for these

Our male-dominated Government has been rather irresponsible but then male irresponsibility and female responsibility for children is the traditional pattern. It takes two people—one male and one female—to make a baby. But after birth and sometimes even before birth, it's "her baby." It is a rare occasion when a woman deserts her husband and children; but the reverse is traditional enough to have become a subculture all its own. We call it an AFDC family.

There is no question that male prejudice and the male fear of competition in the marketplace has produced our present situation. We make it just as difficult as possible for women to work: rotten wages, poor day-care services, limits on training programs, and little oppor-

tunity for advancement.

White males earn an average of \$7,179 a year.

Black males, \$4,508. White women, \$4,142. Black women, \$2,934.

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In an excellent article from last Sunday's Washington Post, Philip E. Slater pointed out that the Dr. Spock attitude is pervasive in the United States. To quote:

Spock makes quite explicit, even in his latest edition, his belief that a woman's place is in the home. He lays great emphasis on the importance and the difficulty of the task of child bearing and gives it priority over all other possible activities. He suggests government allowances for mothers otherwise compelled to work, on the grounds that it "would save money in the end." Thus implying that only a full-time mother can avoid bringing up a child who is a social problem. He allows reluctantly that "a few mothers, particularly those with professional training" might be so unhappy if they did not work that it would affect the children. The understanding here is, that the professional training was a kind of unfortunate accident, the effects of which can no longer be undone.

Russia, Scandinavia, Israel, and many other countries have comprehensive day care. We do not. During the war, the U.S. daycare centers were open to all; now they are available only to those with serious emotional and financial needs—and not all those are served.

Existing programs and most proposed programs emphasize service

for the poor.

We justify our focus on the poor because of our "concern" and our "limited" funds. For goodness sake, our funds aren't limited. We are the richest nation in the world. We scrimp on programs for people because we choose to spend our money on tanks, guns, missiles, and bombs.

The Honorable Mr. Dellenbeck of this committee, in testimony inserted in the Congressional Record on February 9, 1970, estimated that the cost of his proposed comprehensive Headstart Child Development Act would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$16.5 to \$22.75 billion in the year 1975. Aghast at the cost, he indicated that the government couldn't possibly foot this kind of bill and proposed that the private sector should help out.

I believe that the private sector should help out and should be encouraged to do more, but the primary responsibility will have to be from the public sector. We shall have to spend \$16 to \$22 billion—starting right now. That is what the oft-heard phrase "reordering our

national priorities" is all about.

If we can afford planes that cost \$46 billion each, the current figure for the C-5A, we can afford daycare services for our 32 million working women.

Why do you think there has been such a response to Ralph Nader? Why do you think you are all running around making speeches about ecology, pollution, and the quality of our environment? The people want a change in national priorities.

May I remind you, gentlemen, that women form the majority in our population. Not only are increased services for women needed, they

are politically expedient.

There are other reasons day care should not be limited to the poor.

First, income limitation and means tests ado demeaning.

Second, because those just over the line, the working poor, those with a tochold in the middle class and those in the middle class need this resource and service as well as the poor.

Third, we know from our experience with the poverty program that programs exclusively for the poor—no matter how well justified—are not popular. We have seen time and time again how popular resentment has generated enough political pressure so that poverty appropriations are hacked to smithereens on the floor of this House.

All of us are vividly aware of the splits and tensions in this country between the poor and the working class. The lazy bums on the welfare dole versus us middle Americans of the silent majority is the jargon

this battle is currently cast in.

Let's not aggravate those tensions. The poor and the working class have the same needs and the same problems. Low wages, inflation, lack of job opportunities, poor educational resources, frustration with the impersonal bureaucracy, and the lack of day-care facilities—they are the same problems. Do not pit these people against each other like starving packs of dogs fighting over the same meager scraps.

Too much of our current legislation and new legislative proposals presume that day-care facilities exist. There are stipends from welfare to pay for day-care expenses, proposals for increased tax reductions for day care and the like. But these cannot even be used if the facilities

are not available.

Currently, the only Federal construction money available is through two SBA programs and they are for profit making institutions only. Under one of the programs there is a \$25,000 statutory limitation on

loans. In New York City, that will buy you the front hall.

Existing Headstart day-care and nursery school programs have snapped up all but a tiny fraction of the church and community center space available. As an old day-care hand and one who gets called upon frequently for help now, I know that in New York at least, the much talked about "renovation" is often more expensive per square foot than new construction. If you talk to the people in OEO's comprehensive health program, you will find they have discovered the same thing.

I applaud the fact that the Brademas and Dellenback legislative proposals include money for leasing, renovation and construction, but I submit that the 25 percent support formula is not enough. We need massive construction funds now, and planning grants so that local groups can hire attorneys, architects, and people to help locate sites

rapidly.

The administration's proposal to provide day-care funds for people in training programs but nothing for the woman and her children after she finishes training and finds a job, is ludicrous. What is she supposed to do with the kids after her training period is over?

Another problem with the WIN day-care program is that the States have failed to appropriate their 25-percent share of the funding and have been unwilling or sluggish in changing existing laws which hamper the program. You will recall that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had estimated that more than 1 million children would receive day care by 1972. The Bureau of the Budget called for \$35 million for day care during WIN's first year. Congress appropriated exactly one-half that amount. Because of the problems referred to above, only 85,000 children received care in WIN's first 12 months at a cost of less than \$11 million.

According to the testimony of Elizabeth Koontz, Director of the Women's Bureau, before this committee: "The lack of child-care services has been the most serious single barrier to the success of the work incentive, WIN, program. Care in centers for eligible children is rare and most mothers in the program have been forced to make their own arrangements. These have proved to be haphazard and subject to

frequent changes, interruptions and breakdowns."

I am also concerned that the Brademas bill addresses itself only to the 3- to 5-year-olds. In view of what we know about the impact of the formative years between birth and the third birthday, I think this is a serious omission. I believe that the Mondale bill, S. 2060's attention not only to the child development centers but also to child development projects on an in-the-home basis starting from birth are

important and necessary inclusions.

As Polly Greenberg and Ira J. Gordon have both pointed out, we need such programs in the home, both at birth and after the children are old enough to be enrolled in a day-care center. Compensatory education programs frequently fail because they are too school oriented and do not involve the home. The parents are still the prime influence on the child. We want to provide assistance to mothers to help them to be better parents.

Many parents don't play or talk with their children except to shout at them. Assistance in these areas, the use of simple things such as teaching children to learn the difference in textures of fabrics, colors, sounds can be done at home. We could follow up the extremely successful Sesame Street television program with a program aimed at mothers

of small children.

The question of the involvement of the parents brings us to the whole question of community participation and community control. I favor both of these concepts. I believe parents should dominate the day-care center boards and should be intimately involved but I do not feel that this should mean we should lower the academic and professional standards of the employees of day-care centers. It is not enough just to offer love and attention in clean, pleasant surroundings. We need paraprofessionals, friendly, familiar neighborhood figures

and professionals as well.

Let me illustrate. We all know one of the chief problems which minority children face is the difficulty they have in using standard English as is required by the school and the society at large. Some children hear only a foreign language at home—Spanish, French, Eskimo—others, primarily black children, have learned a dialect we refer to as nonstandard English. Professional teachers can help youngsters overcome that hurdle by providing a model and by providing assistance. The paraprofessionals, because of their own language problems, cannot help the child in this area.

I am afraid that in some of the poverty program experiments the zealous concern for providing jobs for nonprofessionals led to an overemphasis on the parents to the neglect of the children's educa-

tional experience. We have to be concerned about both.

In my mind, we would provide better long-term assistance to the parents who are hired, if we made a serious effort to provide them with real educational training in early childhood education. Let's set up programs which provide credits for high school equivalency and college level training. The parent would then share with the child in the program and would have a marketable skill when finished. Not only that, but it would be an important and necessary skill, because there are not enough trained people in the field. Half of our present day-care centers are private. Most people got into the private day-care field because they saw the need. Most started out as small "Mom and Pop" day-care centers, and most of the people running them, although they may have a college education, have no formal training in early childhood development. We need training not only for paraprofessionals

but for those professionals whose expertise is based solely on the number of years in the business. This is a serious problem and yet to my knowledge no one has ever dealt with it.

Mr. Dellenback's proposal is notable for its attention to the problem of the need for immediate training of more early childhood educa-

tion professionals and nonprofessionals.

I would like to point out, however, that I suspect that the child welfare training programs listed in Mr. Dellenback's compilation of 61 Federal programs dealing with day care—Congressional Record, February 9, 1970—have been little utilized for day-care training. The notation next to the listing for Manpower Development and Training Act indicates that the number of training slots cannot be broken out. Roughly translated from bureaucratese that stands for "the number is too small to be of note." What we need from the agencies are hard facts about the exact number of people trained in child development, what kind of training was received, and for how long.

Work-located day-care centers are the most convenient and allow the most parent-child contact, but they are the scarcest form in this country. There are a handful of showcase programs in industry and a sprinkling of day-care demonstration projects around the country.

Although last session the Congress authorized \$25 million under title V-B of the Economic Opportunity Act to pay qualified public or nonprofit agencies, including trade unions, 90 percent of the costs, including alteration, renovation and operational costs, of a community day-care facility, as yet no funds have been appropriated for this purpose.

Further, the recently passed amendment to section 302 of the Taft-Hartley Act to permit unions and employees to bargain collectively to set aside funds jointly administered for the setting up of day-care centers is not mandatory, and therefore is unlikely to be wholeheart-

edly accepted by employers.

The leaders in the work-site day-care center field are hospitals and the Labor Department says that there as only about 100 of them.

Worst of all is the Federal Government. After a lot of nudging from Esther Peterson, the Department of Labor set up the first Federal day-care center as a demonstration project. It shouldn't be a demonstration project. Day-care centers should be as permanent as a cafeteria in every Federal Government office building.

We ought to have them here, in regional office buildings, in post offices, and in every new public housing project, as Representative Patsy Mink has indicated is required in Hawaii. She also notes that Hawaii is able to keep down the costs of the children's toys and furniture by having the prisoners in the penal system make them. Things for children are surely as useful as license plates.

We could require that any hospital built with Hill-Burton money

would have to have a day-care center in the plant.

There are so many, many things which can be done and which ought to be done. What we need now is the will to carry them out.

In closing I want to say that I think that one of the basic things that our Nation really has to face is, not the question as to whether or not a woman's place is in the home, but the point that the increase in the labor force in the United States is due to the fact that there are more and more women workers. This is the actuality. This is a fact. So, going over attitudes and preconceived ideas about the place of women in the America of today is not a solution to the problem. All over this Nation we have thousands of children needing the kind of care that would give to them the proper educational, intellectual, physical, and emotional development necessary if they are to be healthy adults leading this Nation in the future.

I thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify. Mr. Brademas. Thank you very much, Mrs. Chisholm.

I take it that it is a fair reading of what you have said that we are not doing enough at the Federal level in the preschool field and you would not quarrel with the proposition that we do know enough now, speaking from a scientific viewpoint, to be able to conclude that we ought to invest more funds in preschool programs and not simply hide behind the judgment that we don't know enough about what works and therefore we should not be doing very much.

Would you agree with that?

Mrs. Chisholm. Yes, I would definitely agree. Because I really feel that when we talk, for example, about the AFD program in the Department of Welfare program, we know that there are thousands of children in this particular program. We also know that there are many, many mothers who would want to get off the AFDC benefits if they had some place to put their children. I am very much aware of that because, having been a director of a large child care center in New York City for several years, I can personally tell you that many of these women really do make a contribution. But there is just not enough space for the care of their young children.

I think we have enough information. The important thing now is

to be able to do something about the problem.

Mr. Brademas. One reason I asked you that question is, that the message of the President yesterday on education seems to me to be directly relevant to the response that you have just made in respect to my question. You know, the President yesterday in effect gave us four different proposals. He said he wanted Congress to create a new National Institute of Education as a focus for educational research and experimentation. I certainly am openminded on that. Indeed, yesterday I introduced the administration's bill, along with the ranking minority member of this subcommittee, Mr. Reid, because I do think that we should have an open mind on any suggestions that would enable us more intelligently to understand the problems that face our country in the field of education, and develop effective methods of meeting those problems.

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administration would hide behind the pretext that we do not know enough about what works in education and use this as a pretext for a policy of refusal to invest adequate monies in education all along the line. And that is, of course, precisely what the President's message represents yesterday. Indeed, I would say that the Nixon administration's message on education represents an attitude of neglect toward

education that can in no way be described as benign.

I call your attention, secondly, to the President's announcement that he will establish a President's Commission on School Finance to help States and communities analyze the fiscal plight of their schools. I think we are all interested in getting more information, but in Indiana we know what the fiscal plight of our schools is. We know one of the reasons we are not getting enough money for our schools is, that the Governor of our State refuses to champion reform of the tax laws to provide more State aid to public schools.

Here again I fear that Mr. Nixon may be resorting to strategem which has been used, I confess, by both Presidents, both Democratic and Republican, when they do not wish to face up to a tough problem, especially when they do not wish to authorize adequate funds to meet an obvious need, then they retreat to a commission to study the

matter.

Third, the President said he wants \$2 million to help States and communities carry out his Right to Read program. I find this extraordinary, Mrs. Chisholm, in vew of the fact that Mr. Nixon did not ask for one penny in his budget for title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act programs which are, as you are aware, aimed at providing funds for elementary and secondary school libraries.

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that we voted that the President said he didn't want.

I must say I am mystified by this. The final point I would make, which is directly relevant to our discussion here this morning, is that he is going to propose that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Office of Economic Opportunity begin now to establish a network of child development projects, and he is going to ask for a minimum of \$52 million. Where is that money coming from? I can flatly say that it is my own judgment that he is not likely to be asking for any new money, but he is going to be robbing school children at one level in order to make himself appear to be interested in children at the preschool level.

So I must say I am very much concerned about the President's message here. As I say, I am all for innovation. That is why I was a strong champion of title III ESEA and helped write that title. I am profoundly distressed that the President has not asked for enough monies to fund that title of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which is chiefly targeted on stimulating innovation and new ideas in education, if he is really serious about it. That is just

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slot-machine mentality in the United States as we look at the education of human beings. We seem to think that if you stick a Federal dollar into the slot, 3 or 4 years later somebody is going to come out on the other end with enormously increased IQ. It takes time for these programs. This is March 1970. We have signed that bill into law, or Congress passed it in April 1965, and then it took a long time for appropriations to catch up with that authorization. So we really have not provided you enough funds for elementary and secondary school education. We have not had enough time to see if they have been working effectively. The President ignored this fact in his message of yesterdar

The State and local school authorities have ignored, in many cases, the intents of Congress to target title I ESEA funds at disadvantaged school districts. They have instead spread the money out and used it

generally rather than targeting it.

Considering those three very important shortcomings in the way in which the program has been carried out, I think it is a little meretricious to suggest that we haven't produced a generation of geniuses in the last 3 years with this program.

Well, that is the end of my sermon.

Mr. Hansen?

Mr. Hansen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I appreciate our chairman's inclusion in his rather harsh judgment the prior administration in attempting to fix the responsibility for the lack of progress in this area. It seems to me that many other might also be included, and that the blame for what now appears to be a lack of progress that many of us are concerned with can be rather

widely shared.

As you, Mrs. Chisholm, indicated in your statement, State governments have not responded. State governments also have a responsibility. Local governments have a responsibility. Schools, local institutions, parents themselves have a responsibility. The Congress has a responsibility, because it is Congress that does, in the final analysis, make judgment on the allocation of our resources to these various programs. And we have, I think, followed the practice of assigning very large authorizations to programs that may truly reflect our judgment of the needs, while at the same time we have known that the appropriations will fall far short of those authorizations.

The one administration witness who testified before this subcommittee did, in response to my question, acknowledge that we cannot wait until we learn all there is to be learned before we move ahead with programs of action. That attitude has been supported by other witnesses before this committee, and it reflects my own attitude.

At the same time, there is much to learn, and we should be willing in the Congress to admit that all programs that are in the nature of innovative programs, that are experiments, do not succeed. And we should be willing to recognize those that fail or fall short of their goal and terminate or alter or otherwise change programs, based on experience, so we can accomplish the objectives.

I am hopeful that the legislation that will emerge from these hearings will indeed establish the foundation for one of the most important, far-reaching programs that has ever come from this Congress; and it

will be the product of leadership within the Congress and that which has come from across the country. And even, while our distinguished chairman, for whom I have the greatest respect, may interpret Administration statements a little differently than I do, I will predict that when the 4 years of the first of the two terms of President Nixon has been completed, that there will have been more progress in the area of providing needed services for young children than any comparable 4-year period in our history. Probably not as much progress as many of us would like to see, but still more than we have seen; and it won't come entirely from any initiative or leadership from the Administration, but it will be a combining of the concerns within the Administration, within the Congress, within the country. And if we approach it on that basis and attempt, without pointing the finger of blame, to try to fashion the kinds of programs that will help small children and mobolize our collective concerns and energies, then I have confidence that we can in this Congress in this period make a lasting contribution to the improvement of the quality of life in this country.

I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, I have used my 5 minutes. Let me just express by great appreciation to you, Mrs. Chisholm, for your im-

portant contribution to these hearings.

Mr. Brademas. I just want to add, I share the hope of Mr. Hansen that we will make that progress. And I am especially hopeful that the Administration will indicate some greater interest than it has shown in this matter. I am a Methodist and was brought up to believe that it is never too late to be saved.

Mrs. Mink?

Mrs. Mink. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am so pleased that I was able to get back from my other committee where I had to go briefly to make a quorum because I wanted to express my own appreciation to my colleague for her magnificent and eloquent statement in support of what I believe is an absolutely urgently needed program under the sponsorship of the Federal Government.

I agree with you completely, Mrs. Chisholm, that this has been a totally neglected area. It is not only necessary to have programs in early education for those who are on welfare and those who meet the poverty criteria, as we now have in Head Start; but even more critical is the need that we presently have to provide these services for working mothers, which number into the millions and many of whose children, as you so well put, have absolutely no adequate care.

So, I want to add my personal appreciation for your endorsement of our efforts. And I am confident that this committee will report out

a bill which you can support.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. Chisholm. Thank you very much. There is one final thing which I must say, and I must leave with the committee, and that is in our desire to really help the children of America we have to be very, very sure in terms of whatever legislation that is proposed to help these children that the educational aspects are given a great deal of consideration. We have had too much custodial babysitting.

Mrs. Mink. Absolutely. I agree with you, Mrs. Chisholm.

Mr. Brademas. Thank you, Mrs. Chisholm.