

overseas relief projects are less expensive working jointly with others through Church World Service, and overhead is kept at a minimum. If the Churches had to work separately it would mean separate clothing centers, separate field co-ordination, separate promotional activities, separate pier reception, and separate welfare supervision for refugees. In other words, by working through Church World Service less money is spent on organization and more is available for actual relief.”*

“The size and scope of the Episcopal program would not be remotely approachable without the central machinery of NCC and the World Council of Churches. These ecumenical agencies document overseas needs, process refugees for resettlement, provide relief channels, carry out joint relief projects, and in a hundred other ways make it possible for Episcopal funds and services to be as effective as possible. Although every Church participating in these two efforts makes its own free decisions at every level, these central ecumenical services are indispensable for carrying out decisions.”**

3. *The Washington Office*

At the outset, it should be made clear that the stated policy of the NCC is that the Washington Office is not to engage in efforts to influence legislation or engage in lobbying. The purposes and functions of this Office were the subject of study, looking towards revision, when this report was being prepared. In general, the purposes and functions can be summarized as follows:

- a. Services to constituent denominations and NCC staff. Information concerning congressional and other governmental activities, and the securing of official government interpretation of legislative and administrative acts.
- b. Services to Congress and Executive Departments and Agencies. Information concerning the Churches, their organization and programs.
- c. Efforts to relate members of Congress and various branches of the government to local Washington churches.

There is a Washington Office Committee of which the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Washington Cathedral, is Chairman. There is a small staff and a very modest budget.

*The Rev. Alexander Jurisson, until 1963 Executive Secretary, Division of World Relief and Inter-Church Aid, Protestant Episcopal Church.

**“World Relief”, the 1961 Annual Report of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Protestant Episcopal Church.