

Mrs. GREEN. Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Erlenborn wonders if you would comment on the Teacher Corps.

Dr. ARMSTRONG. Well, my knowledge of the Teacher Corps is pretty sketchy. However, in my own opinion, I don't think there is much place for the Teacher Corps in our system of education. I just cannot see it.

I think that we can operate a good system on the local level, through the State departments of education.

Mr. ERLBORN. Would the gentleman yield at that point?

Would you happen to know if any of the school administrators or the people in colleges and universities dealing with teacher education, the training of teachers, were consulted concerning the drafting of this program of the Teachers Corps?

Dr. ARMSTRONG. It would only be an opinion, and my guess is that they would not.

Mr. ERLBORN. This was the information we got from others in the field, that they were not consulted in the drafting of this program, and pretty generally their opinion is the same as yours, that it is not a very valuable program.

I don't recall the details of the Teachers Corps. Can they receive a short course in education and then be qualified to teach in a State where they would not otherwise be qualified?

Dr. ARMSTRONG. To my knowledge, that has been recommended. Whether that is in force or not, I don't know.

Mr. ERLBORN. It seems to me to be a circumvention of the teacher education laws of the various States, and it was one of the things that bothered me about the proposal. It seemed to me merely a reaction to the dissatisfaction of former Peace Corps people, that though they did not have the formal training, they thought, since they have been educating in Africa or South America or some place, they ought to be teachers when they came back home.

Dr. ARMSTRONG. I believe that the American Association of School Teachers has gone on record against that.

Mrs. GREEN. I must say Congressman Erlenborn and I, although on different sides of the aisle, are in agreement on this particular matter.

Mr. ERLBORN. And a few others, too.

Mrs. GREEN. My deep appreciation to Dr. Martin, Dr. Boldt, and Dr. Armstrong. Thank you for the courtesies you have extended to us.

The next witness to appear before the committee is Dr. Hudson, executive secretary of the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Commission.

Will you proceed Dr. Hudson?

**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM E. HUDSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
GEORGIA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Mr. HUDSON. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

You have a copy of my statement, and it is intentionally brief. I will save the time of the committee by reading the statement, and then be available for questions.