

science and steam roller evangelism. Despite his repeated disclaimers, he often pursues his obsession with race to the detriment, if not the total exclusion, of education.

Now, we, as board members, Madam Chairman—and I have been a board member for 17 years—are interested in the education of the children, primarily. We intend to educate them within the confines of the law to the best of our ability, and we hope that we will be permitted to do this without pressure tactics, and without the Federal Government using the fact that they do furnish part of the money for an educational program without their using that as a whip over us to bring about certain philosophical social changes which you cannot legislate overnight, but which takes time to bring about.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

(Prepared joint statement by W. L. Robinson and Paul D. West follows:)

JOINT STATEMENT BY W. L. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND PAUL D. WEST, SUPERINTENDENT OF FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

This is a joint statement by W. L. Robinson, President of the Fulton County Board of Education and Paul D. West, Superintendent of Fulton County Schools. The Fulton County Schools are involved in the following Office of Education programs:

1. Public Law 874, affecting federally impacted areas—approximately \$210,000.00.

2. National Defense Education Act—Titles III and V.

Title III—Improvement of instruction in Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Social Studies, English and Reading.

Title V—Testing, Counseling and Guidance.

For both programs—\$65,000.00.

3. Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Title I—For the disadvantaged child only—\$400,000.00.

Title II—Textbook and Library Resources for all children—\$64,000.00.

Title III—Supplemental centers or innovative projects. Planning grant of \$22,535.00; Operational grant approximately \$200,000.00.

NDEA—Titles III and V are handled through the State Department of Education, although the funds are Federal.

ESEA—Title I is handled directly with the Federal government; Title II through the State Department of Education; and Title III directly with HEW in Washington.

Our system is also the beneficiary of certain funds combined with state funds for the operation of the Vocational Education Program (\$58,000) through the state.

Our school board commends the Federal government for its interest in, provision for, and sustaining of these programs which strengthen American education, provided it does not attempt to exercise autocratic and unreasonable control over local schools.

Our major concern is with the implementation of the 1966 Guidelines of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. We are greatly distressed by the confusion and chaos emanating from the Office of the Commissioner of Education with reference to this implementation at the local level. Incidentally, we should like to make it perfectly clear that the Fulton County Board of Education at no time has had any desire or intention to evade the laws of the United States. It has striven in a conscientious manner for many years to operate the schools so that all our children and youth might receive the best possible education. As evidence of the good faith of the Fulton County Board of Education, the Board President and the Superintendent accompanied a group of fellow Georgians to Washington March 30, 1966 following a visit to Atlanta by Mr. W. Stanley Kruger, Director Area II, Equal Educational Opportunities Program, of the Office of Education when he presented the 1966 Guidelines and their application to local school districts. We were shocked by the severity of his statements and his un-