

And I am exceedingly grateful to Dr. Martin and the regional office for all of the arrangements that he has made, and the many courtesies, the many kindnesses, that have been extended to us in our brief visit here. It has been most helpful.

And to Congressman Flynt, and to his colleagues, with whom we have had a very close working relationship over the years, Phil Landrum, who served on the Education and Labor Committee for about 10 years, to Mr. Landrum, Mr. Flynt, and John Davis, and our very dear friends Charlie Weltner and Mr. Mackey, I want to express our appreciation for their cooperation and their help in making this visit possible.

Our colleagues from Georgia are most effective legislators, and we on the Education and Labor Committee have benefited by their views and by their interest in the legislation before the committee.

We hope also that we may have a closer working relationship in the Congress on the Education Committee with you people who are on the firing line, as I suggested, and who have the responsibilities that we sometimes wisely, and perhaps sometimes unwisely, place upon your shoulders.

Thank you again.

(Whereupon, at 12:55 p.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 2:15 p.m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. GREEN. This was not originally included in our on-the-record hearings, but it seemed to me that it might be advantageous to have it.

I hope this afternoon we can make this very informal and discuss the problems as you see them.

Mr. Green, we are glad that you could rearrange your schedule to be here at this time, and we appreciate your willingness to discuss the problems as you see them.

STATEMENT OF J. GREEN, DE KALB HUMAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

Mr. GREEN. I might say we appreciate very much the opportunity to be heard, and we regret that on such short notice I was the only one who could manage to flip his schedule around so as to make it here. However, everybody else wished me good luck over the phone, and hoped I would say the things others could say better than I.

What we have to tell is sort of a story of our efforts in human relations, concerned with improving human relations, and promoting racial understanding and racial integration in our home district, and our efforts to try to in particular bring about desegregation of the De Kalb County schools, in line with the Civil Rights Act, and our attempts to get the U.S. Office of Education to perform in the manner we felt the law required them to perform in, and cooperate with citizens in a manner that we would feel was reasonable.

For a variety of reasons that are not open to our knowledge, in many instances, we ended our letter to you asking to be heard, saying:

Our efforts as citizens to concern ourselves with the problems we face here in De Kalb County in education have been totally defeated by the action of