

Miss Jennifer Karen Lawson, a 20-year-old worker for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, said in an interview in a national magazine last week:

I realized I was born black when I went to elementary school and they told me about Dick and Jane and Bow and Wow and all that crap and I knew it wasn't me.

For the millions of Jennifer Karen Lawsons in America, I hope these hearings will uncover methods to destroy the invisibility of one-tenth of America's population so when every schoolchild in America reads about Dick and Jane and Bow and Wow, he or she can say to themselves with pride: "This is indeed I."

The gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. DANIELS. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we announced previously that the purpose of these hearings would be to go into the alleged price fixing by publishers of school textbooks. I would like to point out that hearings on this subject matter were conducted by the Committee on Antitrust and Monopoly of the House Judiciary Committee. Those hearings were held early this year on March 24 and May 12. Those hearings were suspended because subsequently suits were entered against a number of publishers and those suits are presently pending before the court.

I think if we go into that question today, while these matters of litigation are pending before the courts, that with news of what develops in this hearing being disseminated through the news media, radio, television, and the press, it might result in prejudice against the public's case. I would suggest, therefore, that we refrain from going into that area.

Chairman POWELL. I accept my colleague's advice and I am sure the other members of the committee concur. I direct Dr. Matthew to delete any questioning with regard to cost and price fixing.

Congressman Bell?

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I agree with the chairman that a very fair and accurate selection of these books should be made and we should do all in our power to push for this. However, we must bear in mind that the thrust of the Elementary and Secondary Act is controlled at the State level.

The part the Federal Government must play is to urge that the proper type of books be published with fair, honest, and accurate statements and stories. I think we do, however, have to keep this principle of local control in mind. We have passed some very good laws, voting rights, and so forth, which should correct some of these discrepancies, but I think we have to bear this in mind in our investigation.

Chairman POWELL. I agree with the gentleman from California and we will bear that in mind today as we hear from our witnesses, among whom is the director of the division of textbooks in the Kentucky State Department of Education. Tomorrow we will have presidents and executives of publishing firms and then the director of the reading clinics of the District of Columbia public schools on Thursday; superintendent of public instruction from the State of North Carolina; a past president of the Association of School Librarians from Atlanta, Ga.; and then we will have Mr. Tito Valdez, director of the State textbook division, New Mexico State Department of Education; Mr. Quarles, director of the division of textbooks of the South Carolina State Department of Education; Mr. Avants, executive assistant, su-