

I believe this is true with regard to library books as well as the basic and supplementary texts. We are expected to receive and enjoy the minimum prices.

Mr. BRADEMAs. This New York Times article I have just cited takes note of a survey by Burnham & Co., a member of the New York Stock Exchange, of six major textbook publishers who found their profit margins were significantly higher than for the industry as a whole. The survey notes that in 1964 net income after taxes was approximately 8 percent of total sales for the textbook industries as a whole and that while complete data are not available for 1965, margins are up somewhat from the 8 percent of 1964.

In 1965, margins of the six major companies covered in this review averaged about 10 percent.

I reiterate that I am not an expert at all in this field and that I am really trying to get some judgment as to whether there is discrimination, not based on race, but discrimination based on whether the purchaser is a school system or school library making the purchase from the textbook publishers rather than a retail store.

I want to get further information. I appreciate your comments. Maybe you are not the person to whom I should be addressing my question.

Mr. CARROLL. Our relationships with all the textbook publishers throughout the Nation have been very good and we feel we have enjoyed the best prices obtainable.

Mr. BRADEMAs. I want to make two concluding observations, Dr. Carroll.

First of all, I read with great interest the description on page 10 of your statement of how you used Federal funds to increase the supply of library resources in the State of North Carolina and I, for one, am enormously heartened by what seems to be the impressive statistics showing that these elementary and secondary education funds, as well as the National Defense Education Funds, have made it possible for you to purchase a really substantial number of books for the school-children in the libraries of your State.

I think that the set of statistics you have given us are enormously encouraging.

The other thing I wanted to say was that I found your statement in general very impressive. I want to take my hat off to North Carolina, which seems to offer many lessons which many other States, including some of our States in the North, could well emulate.

Mr. DANIELS. The gentleman from California, Mr. Burton?

Mr. BURTON. Do you print any of your own textbooks?

Mr. CARROLL. None at all.

Mr. BURTON. You have approximately 1,200,000 school pupils?

Mr. CARROLL. Correct.

Mr. BURTON. You have 850,000 in the elementary schools and presumably the balance in your secondary schools?

Mr. CARROLL. Correct.

Mr. BURTON. Do you have any reasonable estimate of the percentage of Negroes in your elementary and secondary schools?

Mr. CARROLL. At the last accounting 29 percent of our total enrollment was Negro, I would estimate that the breakdown would be approximately 70 percent elementary and 30 percent high school or