

Dr. HOLLER. I think that is correct, and I think the question—

Mr. BURTON. Are not your range of alternative avenues, of necessity, limited somewhat by what people or their representatives view as important public policy? I suspect that is true in our area. I don't imagine educators get very far afield from what is essentially the main stream of opinion.

Dr. HOLLER. I think you have two types of educators, one that deals in the field of ideas, and that tries to pull toward those ideas; and then there are those who, being more practical in the field of politics, stay where the support lies. You need both of them.

Mr. BURTON. Dr. Matthew has a question or two, and then we will get to our final witness before we get to this next rollo call.

Dr. MATTHEW. First, regarding the statement you made that publishers have not submitted some of the new books, in particular, those with the multiethnic treatment, and, therefore, they could not be considered among the bids that came before the State board.

My question is: Would it not be difficult for the State of South Carolina to supply the schools with an integrated series? Would there not be objection in the communities? Would not parents come to you and say, "We do not want our children to use these textbooks"? Is not that the reason why publishers do not submit these to you, because they know that you would not be able to buy them?

Dr. HOLLER. I would not accept that as being the situation. Those publishers who did submit them, found them selected over the materials that they submitted that was not multiethnic. Had the companies that had multiethnic books submitted them, and had these been otherwise educationally sound, they could have been selected. Multiethnic composition was not the primary issue before the State board at its last adoption. It was a matter involving a great many principles of education. However, I do not believe there would have been any objection because of the content of the book as long as that particular content had integrity to it.

Dr. MATTHEW. For example, the Bank Street Readers. Are you familiar with that series?

Dr. HOLLER. No; I am not.

Mr. QUARLES. Which series is that? Can you further identify it?

Dr. MATTHEW. The Bank Street Readers, which is published by the Macmillan Co., is a series that has been quite favorably received. I do not see it listed among the books in your red list of adopted textbooks. This goes to 1968. Would they possibly have had a chance to be considered in this last adoption procedure?

Mr. QUARLES. I think we would have to say that certainly publishing companies must have had very difficult decisions to make. I would certainly agree with that. But in the case of this particular company we did adopt one of their series of books. I was trying to remember whether or not it did have any multiethnic illustrations. I am not sure. But, the series that you referred to was not offered in this company's bid, if I remember correctly.

Now please remember I am trying to recall a bid and I could be in error in that.

Mr. BURTON. In order to complete the record, we may have a few written questions to send to you and if you could respond to them in due course, that would be helpful.