

the plea that would be as persuasive and effective as some of the Pentagon people.

I have friends on the Armed Services Committee who tell me that the cost of the war is now up to the neighborhood of \$3 billion a month.

You make a request for all of the schools in the entire United States for \$3,343 million, they are, I think, that maybe people who are vitally interested in education and war on poverty, and doing something about future generations, might be entitled to say that the Office of Education is not as good a salesman as the Pentagon is for its part, not as persuasive in convincing the Nation that our future may rest as much upon the education of our children as it rests upon the bombs which we are exploding 8,000 miles away.

Mr. HOWE. I will make two observations, one of which I made this morning.

There are increases in the overall Office of Education budget. The \$3.3 billion figure you just gave I don't quite recognize. Our total budget figure for the Office of Education is just under \$4 billion.

You must add to that the additional amounts that we will receive to operate Operation Follow-Through. We will have very close to a 10-percent increase in the total expenditures for which the Office of Education will be responsible in fiscal 1968 as compared to fiscal 1967.

Mrs. GREEN. Yes, but let us talk about the authorization for 1968. Your requests are 55 percent of the authorization.

Mr. HOWE. In terms of authorization, I haven't worked out the percentages, but I presume that is correct.

Mrs. GREEN. That is on these five major programs.

Mr. HOWE. Our requests are somewhat below authorizations as they have been in earlier years, and may well continue to be.

The authorization, whereas it gives us something to shoot for, is not automatically a legislative piece of financial policy.

Mrs. GREEN. But Yankee traders, too, recognize if they cut down their original request on appropriations they may not even end up with 55 percent.

Mr. HOWE. I have to say also that I very much like your remarks about the needs for the Office of Education to provide leadership, and I believe it should. It is also a part of the Government of the United States and has to very much be a part of the total budget planning process. I believe it should be.

Its financing through that planning process that eventually makes up the President's budget will, in the long run, benefit from the interaction of total planning that the Government must make.

Mr. ESTES. I would point out also at this point, if I might, that to take the total figure and estimate the increase is somewhat misleading.

I mentioned this morning that in title I we have about a 14-percent increase over last year's appropriation, or request, not counting in excess of \$100 million that we will have for the Follow-Through program. This would bring it up to a 19- or 20-percent increase over last year.

In title III we have an 80-percent increase over fiscal year 1967. If our amendment to title V is approved there would be an approximate 60-percent increase.