

Mr. GOODELL. To put it another way, are they immune from your State requirements for certification?

Dr. MARLAND. Yes. During the period of internship they need not be certified. They are much like student teachers.

Mr. GOODELL. To put it another way, you have people now coming through your school system who are practice teachers. Do they have a special status?

Dr. MARLAND. They have about the same status of immunity. I would say again, Mr. Goodell, there is a difference in them in that the student teacher has a much shorter period of training in the school, is not paid, and does not have the intensive supervision and teamwork surrounding them that the intern does.

Mr. GOODELL. I understand the difference. I am one who believes that our school systems are much too rigid in their certification procedures, that they do not utilize uncertificated people who could, in many instances, reach this very distinctive type of educationally deprived youngster.

It was not my concept that the Teacher Corps, however, introduced this kind of flexibility, being immune to State laws and State requirements.

As a matter of fact, they have been arguing just the opposite; that they are going through the States, the States will have to approve everything, and everyone must be either certificated or seeking certification, along with the same type of program that the State has, perhaps built up, as you indicated, with more training, and so forth.

I would hope that we could begin a movement at the State level to set up a little more flexibility in this area of teacher aids, for teachers who do not meet precise, rigid requirements of so much graduate work in teaching methods, or whatever else.

I have seen, for instance, in some areas of New York State, the programs outside the school systems, where they have involved the people themselves, the parents and those who are somewhat deprived, motivated, and involving the students in a way that the normal school system has failed to accomplish.

Dr. MARLAND. I would agree with these things you are saying.

Mr. GOODELL. I don't see how we at the Federal level can change the State requirements. The Commissioner made it very clear in defending the Teacher Corps that he doesn't have it in his mind that he is going to send in a corps of Federal teachers who are completely immune from the State requirements of certification.

Dr. MARLAND. I will comment briefly and I am sure Mrs. Koontz can, too. I am sure that the point you are making about overrigidity in States has been true on this matter of certification. I think the whole thrust of the Federal programs, including OEO, has tended to loosen this rigidity. I am sure it is changing.

In Pennsylvania right now, there is a commission now at work, newly appointed, revising and liberalizing State certification standards.

We have, and I think this is universal throughout the country, brought in many more people that we call paraprofessionals in our public schools, the kind of person you describe, who may be able to do something for a child that intuitively he knows how to do and doesn't need a certificate to do it. I recognize this. We support it.