

Mr. DALLARD. Speaking for west coast cities, we would rather see it go through the established agency, rather than set up another agency to deal with one facet of education.

Mr. DONOVAN. I wonder if I might respond, and I think I am responding for all the superintendents here.

One of the difficulties we have had in the past couple of years is the proliferation of agencies dealing with education. I referred to it before when I talked about the prekindergarten program in the Office of Economic Opportunity, and so forth.

We feel that the public school system of this country is strong enough and capable enough of handling educational problems and handling them well. We welcome the assistance of other agencies, but not that other agencies take over what public education should be doing.

Therefore, I think what we are talking about here is that this planning be done by State education departments and not by a new agency set up outside that department.

Mr. PAQUIN. Mr. Chairman, may I comment on this?

In my case this is rather an acute situation in the sense that in the State of Maryland the city of Baltimore is the only large city. The feeling that we have, or at least I have, is the fact that we are, in a sense, isolated from the rest of the State.

I would be very much in accord with any type of program which would have the effect of bringing not only State organizations, but other school systems in the State, in some kind of an effective working relationship with the city.

The problems that we are confronted with aren't just going to be resolved within the city limits. We are going to need the experience and the cooperation of these people. By the same token, I think there is much that we can contribute and help them with.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Brademas.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I regret, gentlemen, that I was not able to be here for all your testimony, but I have been hastily reviewing it. Three points stand out in my mind. One is on the Teachers Corps.

I was just making a listing of the comments made by those of you whose testimony I have had a chance to review. I notice that in New York, Mr. Donovan asked for full funding of the corps, that Milwaukee wants to double the program next year, that St. Louis wants a Teachers Corps and is working on it, that Philadelphia lists it among the noteworthy proposals of the administration, that Baltimore has no Teachers Corps but you desperately need such help.

I haven't gotten through the rest of the statements yet.

I take it that it would not be an unfair conclusion to assume that the school superintendents in the greatest urban centers of our country are strongly in favor of the Teachers Corps.

Does anyone disagree with that conclusion?

The reason I raise the point is because I have been puzzled, as I have said about six times during the hearings, by the fact that we hear a lot of criticism in Washington but we don't hear much criticism from you gentlemen who have to deal with the problem of providing teachers for the disadvantaged at the grassroots level.

The second point I would like to raise is a question and not a conclusion of my own: Would you make any comment with respect to