

level the number of people both public school children and parochial children that might be reached in the Headstart program if it were transferred either to the Office of Education here or to another agency here through your State office in New York?

In other words, do you have any parochial school problem in handling Headstart and reaching the same people that are presently being reached?

Dr. DONOVAN. I don't see any trouble with it at all.

Mr. MEEDS. No legal problem?

Dr. DONOVAN. No, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you.

Now I would like to ask questions about title III, if I might.

Dr. WHITTIER. What was that again?

Mr. MEEDS. With regard to title III and the imposition of a veto power.

Dr. WHITTIER. Yes, you were implying, if I understood it, that you would put another layer of decisionmaking. I would not favor this. I don't care where it would be. So if you are going to shift it entirely so that there still would be one layer, that would be one thing.

If you are talking about inserting a second layer I really would not be in favor of it.

Mr. MEEDS. I don't think that you are implying, sir, that you think the Federal Government ought not to have decision power in the ultimate, since it is furnishing the money, as to the type of program, do you?

Dr. WHITTIER. If you are going to keep it at that level then I would not add another one in the process.

Mr. MEEDS. In other words, you would not be in favor of changing the law as it presently exists from straight consultation and coordination with the State department to veto power by the State department.

Dr. WHITTIER. Not if you are going to retain the final decision in the Federal Government.

Mr. MEEDS. Do you think we ought to do anything other than retain the final decision in the Federal Government?

Dr. WHITTIER. We were debating on this business of the State role. I would leave it alone, to answer your question from what I understand.

Mr. FORD. Yesterday we heard from a number of State school officers and the spokesman for their organization, the executive director of the Association of State School Administrators, who made the recommendation to us that the present, if you will, advice and consultation function of the State superintendent of public instruction be changed to an actual approval function.

Now, if you went from your city to the State and they had suggestions for change you might or might not accept those but if we changed it according to their recommendation you would either accept their changes or they would not let you come on to Washington with your application.

That is the suggestion as to the way of handling it.

Dr. PAQUIN. It seems to me that particular question I would prefer leaving it as is rather than giving the veto power to the State without really any right of appeal.