

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scherle?

Mr. SCHERLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would first of all like to tell you gentlemen that I have spent many fine times in your great State of Kentucky both in Louisville and also in Paducah. In fact, I treasure your countryside and particularly your fast horses.

This morning I had a very unique opportunity to be invited to the White House with other members of this committee and to witness a new motion picture called "Pancho," which is based primarily on the Headstart program. Now there has been consideration that the Headstart program should probably be changed from the OEO to the educational part. Would you gentlemen like to comment on that?

Chairman PERKINS. Before you start, I think I ought to apologize for many members of the committee this morning, the minority and the majority. All of us were invited to the White House, but I felt that I should not go because of you gentlemen. I noticed about everybody else went.

Mr. SCHERLE. We missed you, Mr. Chairman, but we knew also that your duties were here.

But I am very much interested in the remarks from you as educators as to whether you think the Headstart program should be allowed to stay in the OEO or do you think because of educational fundamentals it should be transferred to the educational field—perhaps the State board of public instruction?

Mr. BURKHEAD. At a recent meeting of all the administrators in Kentucky, back in December, we passed a resolution to the effect that we felt that all programs relative to education should be administered through the U.S. Office of Education.

Mr. NOE. I would say that, Mr. Scherle, too. Basically, it is an educational program. You have a board of education in a community concerned with the problems of education. This doesn't mean that you are not interested in all the resource personnel that is in the community to work with you and to help you.

Also, as far as we are concerned, it is not saying that we are not working very harmoniously and effectively with our local community action group. There was one conflict earlier that we talked about this morning. There was a directive that our community action committee had said that we must take the recommendations of these community groups.

We pointed out that there was a conflict there with our State law. Apparently that one has been resolved. So, there is no real clash that we have in this. We just think it is good school administration to keep all of your school programs channeled through official educational administration channels and procedures.

Mr. SCHERLE. Do you think, also, that if this is changed that along with the educational facilities for the youngsters you will also be in a position financially to look after their medical needs as youngsters just commencing their educational process?

Mr. NOE. I don't know what is the practice in the other communities throughout the country, but with us the Louisville and Jefferson County Medical Department is responsible for the health of youngsters. So, we work with them. We do not have our own doctors and