

Mr. BELL. Of course you are not going so far as to get into the military aspects?

Mr. BAKER. No, sir. I am talking from the standpoint of that which has the involvement of the public school, that which we have direct interest in. I believe Headstart is a formal proceeding toward education and it should have a formal beginning and process.

Mr. BELL. I am fully in accord with you there, with everything you have said. I certainly think Headstart should go the same direction as adult education. I think it should get away from OEO and made to be a part of Education. So I concur.

I think that is about the essence of my questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me thank all you gentlemen again.

My colleague from California was talking about the adult education program. We started that program years ago, but we never could get it enacted. We could get it as far as the House Committee on Rules and there it would fall by the wayside. When we were conducting the poverty hearings in 1964 we had the bill over before the Rules Committee at that time. We went through the hearings and in the markup of the poverty bill I had an idea at that time that we could get the bill enacted if we put it in as part of a package. That is the way we threw it in, as part of the package during the markup. But all during the history of the poverty hearings it was contemplated that adult basic education perhaps would be the major aspect of the training under the community action program, that is title II. The real purpose of the adult basic education program was to create the incentive on the part of the States to initiate an adult basic education program and we earmarked so much funds for every State. But it was well understood that as much community action funds as the local community action agencies wanted to expend could be expended for adult basic education purposes.

We are making some progress, and you Kentuckians have made your part of the contribution.

Again I am delighted to welcome you here. I hope to visit with as many of you as possible, especially you superintendents in eastern Kentucky. My eastern Kentucky superintendent is absent now. There is only one from my district, my friend from Bell County.

Do you want to make some comment?

Mr. BAKER. I didn't have an opportunity on the school construction. I think I would be badly out of line if I did not ask for permission to comment concerning the area of construction in eastern Kentucky.

Chairman PERKINS. Of course that is one of the greatest areas of need in the whole country.

Mr. BAKER. Because the one-room schoolhouse still exists, the lack of health and all the other facilities are there. We may be more fortunate in Middlesboro to have the facilities to take care of the present. The future we don't know what it holds. All the other district that adjoin us in eastern Kentucky have the needs, will have them and will continue to have them unless we can get some support and help for them.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to say for the benefit not only of you gentlemen, but my minority friends over here well understand, and the majority, that later on this fall when I get some of the most press-