

So we would find ourselves with some States totally and wholly outside—without Headstart programs at all. Even if we did it by putting it through the HEW directly to the State school agencies we still would have a problem. At least that is my present observation.

Mr. LUMLEY. I would agree. I would say, Congressman, there is too much of a tendency to generalize that a Headstart program is a kindergarten program. A Headstart program in our minds is a program that is down in the disadvantaged area. Here it is not only education, it is health, it is welfare, it is the involvement of the family.

If you put this into school you immediately start talking about certification of teachers and you talk about teacher's salaries. When you are running under OEO you have volunteers. You have good people that are doing good jobs and you are involving the parents.

Mr. MEEDS. And you are involving the parents.

Mr. LUMLEY. That is right. It has to be done. All schools are not ready to do this.

Mr. MEEDS. I heard testimony here this morning, and probably this is not fair because these people are not here to defend themselves, but I heard testimony by one of these gentlemen that the schools had always been involved with the parents and students. You were here, you heard this.

Mr. LUMLEY. Yes, I heard it.

Mr. MEEDS. I am sure this is true. We have PTA's and things like that. But I mean real, rocky ribbed work including parents in these programs. I never have seen it, as I have seen it in the Headstart program, and I have been interested in education for a number of years.

Mr. LUMLEY. I would agree with you.

Mr. MEEDS. I think that is all.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Meeds, for bringing out some good points. And I thank you Dr. Lumley, and Mrs. Gereau, who has done such an excellent job here, who has been one of your representatives for many years.

I understand she was a great school superintendent in the State of Montana.

Mr. LUMLEY. Before you close may I ask Mr. McFarland to give you briefly a report on the National Teacher Corps, which is attached to our testimony, because we believe that this is another innovation and a very important program even though it only involves 1,200 people now in a very few districts.

Chairman PERKINS. Your report will be inserted in the record in full. I will be happy to have you summarize it briefly if you care to.

Mr. LUMLEY. I will call your attention to a couple of points here.

Chairman PERKINS. All right.

(The document referred to follows:)

NEA QUESTIONNAIRE ON TEACHER CORPS

(Questionnaires were mailed to the 111 school districts participating in the National Teacher Corps program. We received a response from 79 percent of the superintendents and 50 percent of the principals. A copy of the tabulated results is attached.)