

I am very pleased and honored to have such educational adventurers and leaders down here. I use that word "adventurers" in the most exciting meaning of the word.

I am sure your testimony is going to prove useful and constructive for all of us.

I might say that among the programs that Dr. Niemeyer and Dr. Klopff have participated in has been a program involving parent outreaches, and since all four of my children went to the Bank Street School and since their outreaches projected me into this great body, I feel that you really brought the parent average concept to its full fruition many years ago. With those words, I greet you, welcome you and look forward to what you are going to tell us.

STATEMENT OF JOHN H. NIEMEYER, PRESIDENT, BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. VERONA WILLIAMS AND DR. GORDON KLOPF

Mr. NIEMEYER. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Scheuer, gentlemen of the committee, it is a pleasure to listen. Not only do we hear the splendid presentation from this particular table, but if Congressman Scheuer owes his knowledge and perception about education to the education of his own children, I am sure all of you have had children in very excellent schools.

Mr. SCHEUER. Dr. Niemeyer, would you qualify yourself and Dr. Klopff?

Mr. NIEMEYER. I am the president of the Bank Street College of Education which is a graduate school training liberal arts graduates, mostly for service in slums and slum schools in the inner cities, the big cities.

My organization is a research center which has been at work through formal research and experimental projects since 1916, trying to understand the whole teaching-learning process in the institution called the school.

I have with me today two colleagues, one on my left, the person called by Mr. Scheuer, the star witness is Mrs. Williams.

We wanted, in spite of the temptation, to talk on all aspects of the amendments and the bill, we wanted today to try to bring to this committee perhaps just a little bit deeper understanding of the whole educational aide, the nonprofessional school aide area of work.

Mrs. Williams is such an aide who has come up in the public school system of New York and is an educational aide in P.S. 1, which is down in the Lower East Side.

She also serves on the advisory committee to a study of the whole question of the training of nonprofessional auxiliaries which are being carried on at the Bank Street with OEO funding by Dr. Klopff and other associates.

This study is attempting to follow and to give nurture to and to get dissemination among and from the 15 OEO sponsored training programs for aid scattered across the country.

Therefore, Dr. Klopff who has been at this for a couple of years brings a good deal of rather deep understanding of this and Mrs. Williams, who has served on the advisory committee, brings the under-