

Chairman PERKINS. If there is no objection, her statement will be inserted in the record and if you care to summarize it, it would certainly expedite the hearing.

Mrs. WILLIAMS. Mr. Chairman, Members of Congress, I am a school aide employed at P.S. 1, by the Board of Education.

Some of my duties are, one, I am primarily a library aid, which means processing all books that come into the school whether through ESEA or through library funds and also stimulating the interest of children where they read for enjoyment and not because it is a chore. In doing this, I have been able to raise the reading level of some children and also in helping children that have remedial retardation in reading.

I had one little Chinese boy who arrived from Hong Kong who had a difficulty reading problems and he was reading at the third grade level while he was in the fifth grade. I helped him. If a test is given and a child does not know how to read-mark he cannot pass the test. Also the silent "b." He did not know how to pronounce the word "lamb," and also the magic "e" where the magic "e" becomes use.

No teacher has enough hands to give every child the individual attention they need. This was one of my duties.

Also, in the morning, receiving prekindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade children. It is very important to the parents to be able to leave these children in school with peace of mind. These children come to me in the morning, leave their mothers.

It has been a wonderful experience. We have a working community. Parents are now asking what can they do to help improve their children's reading ability, what is curriculum, something that was never asked before by parents. Also, if a child has a problem bothering them they can come to you and ask you and you can relate to them and speak to them on their level.

I also act as liaison between school and parents. I could go on forever about the things that have gone on in school. It has been rewarding to me and also I think the school has gained something from it. I would like to think that aids are responsible for this.

I will also help with the barking of the school, taking care of book-keeping, also in ordering supplies for the school. I don't think there is anything that an aid could do except in a professional field that I could not qualify for. The only reason I couldn't qualify is because I am not a professional.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much for your eloquent statement.

Mr. NIEMEYER. Dr. Kopf is the dean of the college and he would like to make a comment.

Mr. KOPF. I think I would like to support the amendment dealing with greater planning on the part of States.

I think a very basic ingredient to this, however, is not only more leadership on the State level, but using some national guidelines or some national leadership in this direction to assist States in their planning.

I serve right now as chairman and follow through the national planning committee for the Office of Education and we have a team working from all over the country working on this program. I feel