

dom of the Congress is the maximum participation we can have, being very careful to add as the chairman pointed out we want the safeguards which the Congress has properly put up for local control of education.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You feel in both absolute dollars and percentages the Federal contribution should increase?

Mr. BIEMILLER. Definitely.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Sessions, may I ask you a fast question? What if the same amount of Federal money that has at the present time been used say in the last year for Teacher Corps training in the District were to be given to your board for teacher training purposes?

Could you make good use of those funds for teacher training purposes?

Mr. SESSIONS. We could certainly use additional support in teacher training but I suspect that this particular funding would very simply become lost in the shuffle. I think here we have the kind of concentrated program that for really a minimum expenditure of money it has had enormous impact in the school system.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You feel if the same amount of money that went into Teacher Corps training of District teachers were to be given to the District to be used for teacher training purposes it would be less advantageously used by your board than the present funds through the teacher training corps?

Mr. SESSIONS. I think it would simply spread out the funds that are now supporting for the very effective teachers over a whole school system that would have been lost.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Even if it were to be used for teacher training for the disadvantaged would it still be lost?

Mr. SESSIONS. I would think so.

Mr. DELLENBACK. So you feel your board would not do as effective a job as the Teacher Corps does?

Mr. SESSIONS. I would think that is correct. I don't mean to preclude that we would not be glad to get some extra assistance in teacher training programs.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We are talking really about money—all roads lead to Rome—and we are talking about funds in large part and we are talking about reaching goals and I am wondering in the dialogue about the Teacher Corps whether we are not really talking about the best way to educate and the Teacher Corps at the present time looks like the only way.

If the funds were made available could you do a better job if they were in your control and your answer is apparently no.

Mr. SESSIONS. No, sir, with these particular funds. Incidentally, the effect has spread over the whole school system. For instance, one of the universities that is involved in training the interns is running I notice an all day conference for teachers on the meaning of educational technology. This is something that is an out growth of the work they have been doing with the Teacher Corps.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Megel, do you think there should be standard teachers salaries throughout the Nation?

Mr. MEGEL. There should be a standardization of teachers salaries above levels that are now paid.