

are able to develop an esprit de corps that we would not be able to do on the State level.

Do you agree to this line of thinking?

Mr. BIEMILLER. We think there is real value in the national recruitment policy of the Teacher Corps for precisely the reason you have stated.

Mr. GARDNER. My observation of the problem is that one reason the Teacher Corps has had some success is because of the funding by the Federal Government. This has been missing in the past on the part of the States.

The second thing is that we have a tremendous manpower shortage not only in the teacher area, but in anything you can name today, and if we go on the assumption that the one area where it can be accomplished is through a national program to develop esprit de corps, would you then be in favor of a doctors corps and a nurses corps and a mechanics corps?

Mr. BIEMILLER. No, because I don't think the same situations prevail.

Mr. GARDNER. Don't we have the same critical shortages in nurses?

Mr. BIEMILLER. We have a critical shortage in nurses and doctors, primarily because we do not have sufficient training facilities in those areas. You cannot put many more trainees into the existing medical colleges.

Mr. GARDNER. This is not true in my State. We have a terrific problem in our medical schools at Duke and the University of North Carolina of obtaining students who want to go into the practice of medicine.

Mr. BIEMILLER. Conditions have changed very drastically since I last looked at it. As some members will recall Senator Taft and I jointly sponsored a bill in 1950 trying to get substantial aid into the medical, dental nursing schools of this country.

I regret that Senator Taft was successful in passing it in the Senate. I was stymied by the Rules Committee in the House of Representatives.

However, since that time the Congress has passed a modified version of that bill and it passed it on the very legitimate argument of the medical colleges and the AMA itself that there was a shortage of facilities for students who wanted to enter medical colleges. I am not disputing your given figures because I frankly am not familiar with them but the general picture for years has been that there have been more applicants for the medical schools in particular than there have been places available for training.

Mr. GARDNER. In the field of nursing, this is not true. I think you have a very similar situation in the field of nursing that you would have in teaching—low salaries, long and unattractive hours.

Mr. BIEMILLER. Congress has passed on several occasions contributions for the development of training nurses, not only registered nurses but practical nurses.

Mr. GARDNER. Going on the assumption you had a similar situation with nursing that you had low salaries and not attractive to people and so on, would you then recommend we have a Nurse Corps sponsored and funded by the Federal Government?

Mr. BIEMILLER. To use the doctor analogy for a moment, we have had proposals that might roughly parallel what you are speaking of.