

Certainly the aid received has had a tremendous effect on our local school system, and I am sure this has been true throughout the Nation.

In conclusion I wish to express the gratitude of the people I represent to this committee for the work you have already done in behalf of better education and for the privilege of appearing before you.

Thank you for the invitation to appear before the committee and our esteemed chairman from Kentucky. I feel deeply honored that I have been able to present my statements on education.

If the committee has any questions you would like to direct to me I would be glad to answer them to the best of my ability. I would just like to add one aside that is not in my text, that much concern is expressed over the many applications for grants, for studies which range from school dropouts to you name it, much of the studies never reach the proper authorities and by this I mean the legally constituted bodies in the States from the State department of education down to the local districts.

Many of these studies are fine, they are very impressive, but they end up on somebody's shelf collecting dust and as a result nothing ever comes of them.

Chairman PERKINS. We were hoping that through titles III and IV that we could get that expertise and the quality of the educational programs in the classroom within a reasonable period of time and eliminate that idea that all good things stay on the shelf and fail to reach the classroom.

Mr. RISNER. Mr. Chairman, I might add yesterday I talked to Mr. Samuel Alexander, our deputy superintendent of construction, and I have been extensively involved in region 7 of title III. I have served on a number of committees. We are developing an instrument which for many reasons we chose to call an evaluation of school systems in the 18-county area of which I am sure you are familiar.

Chairman PERKINS. Your county is participating in that title III program?

Mr. RISNER. Yes, sir; in fact I have spent many, many hours working with this group. It is a fine group, to be sure, but Mr. Chairman, the thing that most disturbs me is the fact that there is no liaison between this group; namely, the East Kentucky Development Corp. and the State department of education.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you mean no liaison between your title III group and the State department of education?

Mr. RISNER. Yes, sir; that was stated to me yesterday by Mr. Alexander himself.

(Discussion off the record.)

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say to you, Mr. Risner, I think you are doing an outstanding job as county school superintendent of Bath County, Ky. I have been watching you since you became a county school superintendent and I am delighted to receive the evaluation that you have placed on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and that you have been able to receive remedial instructional materials, library books, audiovisual materials, remedial reading teachers and special guidance counselors, and other special help that you would not otherwise have received.

Undoubtedly the program has some drawbacks but from your evaluation of the program you can see tremendous results in your county, can you?