

Of course I had to indicate that I thought the Republicans should be persuaded, not this Congressman, but the Republicans should be persuaded, and also some Democrats to support the program and to put up more money.

It seems to me also the coordination is wrong in some of the areas. Of the three high schools in my district, only one is really participating in the program. The other two are participating only inadequately. It is very difficult to explain again to kids in one high school how they are getting all the breaks and the kids in another are not getting the breaks.

There should be some type of distribution of money to the various high schools that are actually in the poverty areas.

Then there is a third problem which I think is a much more difficult one. If eight out of 10 kids are not going to college, that some encouragement should be given these young people to get them into vocational education or some other program. This, it seems to me, is the responsibility of the local community action agency to plan the various programs to meet the problem of the kid who becomes excited and thrilled at the chance to participate in a program to send him to college when he probably should go into vocational education. Because he sees another kid obtaining the benefit of a program, he wants what seems to be to him available.

I think that sometimes we are making a mistake in trying to persuade some of these people, some of these kids, to go into college who probably would be much better off to go into vocational education. This is a very pathetic thing, that merely because of the lack of coordination and the type of counseling that is being provided, and this I think is the problem of the local administration of the program, we are suddenly giving a lot of kids the expectation that everybody is going to be college bound.

Everyone wants it in a particular high school when probably this is not the best thing for that particular kid. I think that there should be another thought given to the way the program is being administered in some places, in certain parts of the country, and the lack of coordination by the local community action agency in that the various Federal programs that are available are not known by the various youngsters in these schools and merely because one program seems to be dramatic and most exciting, every kid in the high school wants to get into that particular program and not into a program which is perhaps better suited for that particular kid.

Chairman PERKINS. I agree with the gentleman that any lack of coordination of counseling or lack of complete counseling of students would be disappointing.

But I would think if counselors are available that that examination must be made in the school system before the school system can make the recommendation to the college about admitting them.

If not, they certainly would be derelict in their responsibility. I can see the gentleman's point.

Mr. HAWKINS. I agree with the chairman. I also know that counseling is not available to most of these kids. Most of them have not been counseled. Or if they have been counseled they have been counseled so inadequately by the counselor, who himself is so desperate to get kids