

machines. We can do this much more effectively than the University of Rochester and Alan Wallace would agree with me on that statement.

Mrs. GREEN. We are talking about people at the fifth grade level. What experience do you have in training fifth-grade-level youngsters?

Mr. WHITAKER. We employ teachers who do.

Mrs. GREEN. You mean you go to these people who have failed and get them to do this job for you?

Mr. WHITAKER. I did not say they failed. I think that is an overstatement of the case.

Mrs. GREEN. I accept that.

Mr. WHITAKER. Congresswoman Green, before you came in, I said when we inherited Breckinridge, we found many things that Southern Illinois University did extremely well. We are in the position of being able to second-guess and maybe that makes it easier to do the kind of job we are doing, because we profited by their experience.

I would like to say the president of SIU cooperated with us fully in making a painless changeover.

Mrs. GREEN. Would you not agree, though, that there is really no time yet to evaluate and there is just no hard evidence that shows that private industry can do a better job than the schools have done.

Would you not have to agree to that, as a person I presume who wants information, before you make a judgment?

Mr. WHITAKER. Being an industrialist, I don't feel that I should answer that.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you know of any study, do you know of anything that would deal in hard, cold facts and is there enough experience to show and prove that private industry can do a better job?

Mr. WHITAKER. I feel in quotes, Congresswoman Green, if a study were made of the graduates who are now coming out of Breckinridge, and I think they are representative of those graduating from other Job Corps centers, you would get a vastly improved picture over what is in the Harris reports. That is the feeling.

A study has not been made, but we hope it will be made.

Mr. GIBBONS. I see Mr. Quie has left, so I will not try and enlighten him.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Meeds.

Mr. MEEDS. I have no questions. I am sorry I did not get to hear the gentleman's testimony. I had to go to another committee hearing. I wish I could have heard his testimony.

Chairman PERKINS. Even though no study has been completed as to the effectiveness of the job being done in the Job Corps by people with your experience, you feel that you are better equipped to manage a total problem to rehabilitate, so to speak, the problem youngster who is lacking in basic education because of all of the experience you have gained in the past in this and other areas, approaches not taken by our established educational institutions. Is that about your feeling, the reason for that statement?

Mr. WHITAKER. We feel this way and we feel the survey we hope will be made will verify what I have said.

Mrs. GREEN. I have a serious suggestion. I think this committee might well have a couple of controlled groups. We would take one of our best vocational schools which is run by educators, since this charge which we have heard has been made not only by this gentle-