

of educational training and occupational training in the OEO Division that could be absorbed with our present staff without any difficulty, and we could move ahead just like we did when we took over the assignment of training all these Cuban refugees.

That briefly is my comments, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much.

Go ahead, Mr. Ramey. Delighted to welcome you here, as being from my own congressional district, and to my way of thinking, you operate one of the good vocational schools in the country. One of the very efficient schools.

Go ahead.

**STATEMENT OF GEORGE RAMEY, DIRECTOR, MAYO VOCATIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL, PAINTSVILLE, KY.**

Mr. RAMEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am director of the Mayo State Vocational Technical School at Paintsville, Ky., and I certainly appreciate the opportunity of appearing before this committee.

Paintsville is located in eastern Kentucky, right in the heart of the depressed area of eastern Kentucky.

This school offers a total of 17 different subjects. Thirteen of these are trades, four are technical subjects. Most of the courses are of 22 months duration.

It has an enrollment of approximately 500 students. This is the out of school youth and adults, 500. The average age is approximately 22. Approximately one-third of the enrollment are girls.

I speak of the employment record, and maybe this is bragging just a little, but for more than 10 years, this school has placed better than 95 percent of its graduates. This past year, we graduated 280-some-odd students. We not only place the students, but after the students are placed, they keep their jobs.

We actually don't have any educational background as a basis for the student entering. We let any student enter who sees fit to enter our school. However, on the other hand, we work very closely with all the high schools, and we much prefer that a student continue his academic education as far as possible before he comes to our school.

I get a little concerned, Mr. Chairman, sometimes on these short-term courses. So many times, these people who are put in these short-term courses are the very people that need, to me, more of an educational background in social studies, and all that.

These people are going to have to live with other people, they are going to have to be citizens, and we hope that they form their place in the communities, and as a result, my institution makes every effort that is humanly possible, we think we do, to encourage the boy and girl to get as much academic education as possible before they come to our school.

As a result, our enrollment is about 85 percent high school graduates.

Chairman PERKINS. Eighty-five percent high school graduates, your enrollment has been?

Mr. RAMEY. That is right.