

My only criticism of vocational education is we are just not expanding fast enough, and we are not doing enough of the things that I feel that we all know should be done.

And I thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me thank all of you gentlemen, and state that I largely concur in every statement that has been made, and I particularly concur in the statement that you have just made, Mr. Ramey, that we are not doing enough in the field of vocational education.

I would like for us to go a lot farther, and neither do I want to see any duplication anywhere.

Now I have always felt that we were almost a generation behind in vocational education. In late years, we have made tremendous progress, but we have very few residential centers in the country today, and I am particularly proud of the school in Vienna, Ohio.

I think this is a great institution, and I just wish that more States had inaugurated residential schools years ago:

We may say that we are in an infant state, insofar as residential centers are concerned in vocational education, and I think all of you gentlemen will agree with that statement.

Is that statement correct, Mr. Watson? We are in an infant state of residential centers? Do you agree to that?

Mr. WATSON. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. All of you agree with that. Well, with that in mind, what percent of your students, Mr. Ramey, out of the 500 enrolled, are now high school graduates?

Mr. RAMEY. Eighty-five.

Chairman PERKINS. Eighty-five percent. So, out of 15 percent of the 500 that are not, how much education would you say the other 15 percent have when they come to educational school?

I am not talking about your MDTA programs.

Mr. RAMEY. You are talking about the MDTA, too?

Chairman PERKINS. No, just the other program.

Mr. RAMEY. The others will average about the eighth grade.

Chairman PERKINS. The others, about the eighth grade.

Would you say the majority of that other 15 percent would have some high school education?

Mr. RAMEY. I didn't quite hear you.

Chairman PERKINS. Would you say the majority of the remaining 15 percent would have some high school?

Mr. RAMEY. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. Now does that account for about the same ratio in your school system, Mr. Seagren, in Miami?

Mr. SEAGREN. Well, because of the size of the program, Mr. Chairman, I don't think I could give an accurate account on it, although we—

Chairman PERKINS. What is your enrollment, though?

Mr. SEAGREN. The current enrollment in the entire program, in the Lindsay Hopkins Center and its 13 branch centers, runs around 18,000 to 20,000 at any one time.

Chairman PERKINS. Eighteen to twenty thousand. Just what percent would you say are high school graduates?