

Mr. MILLER. The National Association of the Guild of Opticians of America, Incorporated, the Washington Guild of Washington, D.C., and the District of Columbia Association of Dispensing Opticians.

I am sorry that the president of that organization was not able to be here this morning, because I know he wanted to say a few words to the Committee about the statement that I made, endorsing the statement, and about the constitution of that organization.

Mr. SISK. Is that practically the same group that is represented as the United Optical Workers? Is that the union under which your group generally operates?

Mr. MILLER. On the contrary.

Mr. SISK. I beg your pardon?

Mr. MILLER. No, the answer is "No". The Optical Workers Union?

Mr. SISK. Yes. The United Optical Workers Union, I believe that is the correct name.

Mr. MILLER. The members of the Guild are primarily employers, and this is the major group that I represent. We are not related to the union in any way.

Mr. SISK. In other words, you say that you represent the corporate part?

Mr. MILLER. No, we represent the opticians who may practice either as individuals or partners—some of them do practice, do have a corporate setup.

Mr. SISK. The United Optical Workers Union which testified earlier represented a considerable number of opticians.

I am curious to learn where the conflict is.

I do not quite distinguish between who you represent and who the Union represents.

Mr. MILLER. If there is such conflict in your mind, let me state that there is not any conflict.

Mr. SISK. I am not saying that there is any conflict. I am seeking information for the record, to clarify it as to whether or not we are talking about the same group of people.

Mr. MILLER. Our members are men who are in business in the field of dispensing opticianry for themselves, and they practice dispensing opticianry, either as an individual—I mean, the legal setup does not make for any business. Basically, they are independent businessmen who do not perform any functions—rather, whose primary function is the filling of prescriptions for eyeglasses.

Mr. SISK. In other words, you are saying that the members of the Guild who are prescription opticians in the District of Columbia or in the national organization are not members of the United Optical Workers Union—none of them?

Mr. MILLER. No. The union represents primarily the wholesale optical workers and the retail optical workers, but they do not represent, to my knowledge at least, the dispensing opticians. And when we say "dispensing opticians", we are referring to the persons who actually deliver the glasses to the customers, the one who determines what the specifications of these glasses should be and who writes the work order for the optical worker and who delivers the glasses to the customer when he returns to the place of business.

Mr. GUDE. Will you yield?

Mr. SISK. Yes.