

Dr. ROWE. I represent the management and the employees of these companies, yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. As I understand it, individual opticians and optometrists could not be members of your Association?

Dr. ROWE. We have members who are optometrists, licensed in one state and practicing in another state. We have a new member from Michigan who is an optometrist there. He has several offices and he has optometrists employed in the several offices.

Mr. SISK. Is he operating a business and employing people?

Dr. ROWE. Yes.

Mr. SISK. In other words, you are not a society representing professional people?

Dr. ROWE. Well, if optometrists are professionals, we represent optometrists. The majority of the officers of the organization are optometrists.

Mr. SISK. I find it somewhat difficult to compare the representatives of different companies and individual optometrists who are considered to be professionals. I think nationally that the profession of optometry is recognized as a profession. It is recognized by all Federal agencies, including the Veterans' Administration. As I understand your statement of last year and this morning, you represent a group of business firms dealing in the dispensing of optometric equipment and material. Is that correct, basically, or not?

Dr. ROWE. Well, I can go back to say that I represent—I can give you the names of the people, the companies, that I represent, if you would like, so that you will know that.

Mr. SISK. Could I ask you, locally here for example, if you would name some of the firms you represent?

Do you have a list of those firms?

Dr. ROWE. I represent Colton Optical of D.C. This is a company owned by Cole National.

Mr. SISK. Is Sterling Optical a member of your Association?

Dr. ROWE. Sterling Optical is a member.

Mr. SISK. Is Kay Jewelry Store a member?

Dr. ROWE. No, they are not.

Mr. SISK. Kinsman Optical Company?

Dr. ROWE. No, sir.

Mr. SISK. Vent-Air Contact Lens Specialists?

Dr. ROWE. No.

Mr. SISK. King Optical Company?

Dr. ROWE. They are a member of our organization, yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. Are your members the same as those of the Guild of Prescription or the United Optical Workers Union? Is there an overlap?

Dr. ROWE. No, sir.

Mr. SISK. Neither of them are in your organization?

Dr. ROWE. Sterling is a member of our organization.

Their employees are members of the United Optical Workers Union, but they are not synonymous with the United Optical Workers Union nor with the Guild of Prescription Opticians.

Mr. SISK. Do any of your members manufacture optical goods?

Dr. ROWE. Yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. Would you name those for the record?