

Mrs. GREEN. When did you receive the guidelines?

Miss KRETTEK. I believe the end of February they went out.

Mr. GELFAND. We received them in March. The applications have to be postmarked no later than April 10.

Mrs. GREEN. When were the guidelines received, in March?

Mr. GELFAND. I don't recall precisely, I think it was the middle of March that we received them.

Mrs. GREEN. What day was the legislation signed?

Miss KRETTEK. It was passed the last of October, and signed November 7.

Mrs. GREEN. There was about a 5-month period between the time the bill was signed and the time the guidelines were received.

Mr. GELFAND. May I add a comment here, please?

Mrs. GREEN. Certainly.

Mr. GELFAND. In my own institution, using the criteria set forth in the guidelines, we established that we would require a collection of some 900,000 volumes to serve the needs of our large and growing student population.

We presently have, as I mentioned in my testimony earlier, 250,000, and if you take a rough figure, say \$8 a volume, and multiply that by the 550,000-odd additional volumes we need to come up to standard, I think you can see what the effect would be in one institution.

Even the little survey that the ALA made of the impact of the present act up to this time, I think that suggested that problems of this magnitude were being experienced on the college and university level.

The other point I should like to make is that it has been unfortunate, really regrettable that the timing has been so poor. This length of time you just mentioned, 5 months or so that elapsed, that put us in the position where we were having to make applications for rather sizable funds which had to be made on short notice and for which we had to be prepared to make the expenditures before the end of, or commitments before the end of June 1967.

All these factors impinge upon us in the field to create rather difficult conditions. So, of course, we all hope that when the new legislation is passed that at the same time some provision will be made on the administrative side for facilitating the application for grants.

Miss KRETTEK. The Library Services Division has been without a college library specialist which has made their handling of applications very difficult. This stems in some measure from the fact there is a great shortage of librarians and other factors in the office where we have provided them with insufficient staff to do their job.

Mrs. GREEN. When you relate the number of new books being published every year, my only reaction is that the American Library Association ought to start a national program, a nationwide program in speed reading.

Congressman Quie, do you have any questions?

Mr. QUIE. Yes, I have a question that was prompted from our field hearings on the study of the U.S. Office of Education last winter and a subsequent letter from Mr. Stanford, director of libraries at the University of Minnesota. He is a collector of college and university library statistics.