

For those of us in this country who have long believed that a partnership among Federal, State and local government is essential for achieving our national goals, these are exciting years in which to live and to work in the United States.

For the first time in the history of our country, there has been recognition in our Federal legislation that library services must be provided to support the needs of our citizens in all aspects of their living.

We are pleased to be of some assistance to you in determining these needs, and in implementing the programs designed to meet them. We hope that your committee will take favorable action upon our suggestions.

Madam Chairman and committee members, I thank you personally and for the ALA, for this opportunity to meet with you and I will be glad to attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you, Mrs. Srygley.

You mentioned the teacher fellowship provisions in the Education Act. Did you say there were no fellowships for librarians?

Mrs. SRYGLEY. Not this year.

Mrs. GREEN. Were there applications?

Mrs. SRYGLEY. Yes, there were proposals; I don't know how many. We might get this specific information.

Mrs. GREEN. How many applications there were?

Mrs. SRYGLEY. Yes; we will be glad to do that and send it for inclusion in the record.

Mrs. GREEN. Please do that.

(The document referred to follows:)

NATIONAL DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

According to information from the USOE, there were 26 proposals for education of school librarians in the experienced teacher fellowship program, and 12 proposals for education of school librarians in the prospective teacher fellowship program, although none were funded in fiscal year 1967. It is recommended that appropriations for these teacher fellowship programs be adequate to allow funding for fellowships for education of school librarians as intended in the Act.

Mrs. GREEN. I might make this comment: I have been greatly interested in the Teacher Corps. I have had the president of one national education group wire me and send out word to all the affiliates throughout the United States to send letters and telegrams urging the retention of the Teacher Corps. A few came in, but not one word was mentioned about the fact that for the teacher fellowship program, which is also designed for graduate education for elementary and secondary teachers, there was \$275 million authorized and a request by the administration for only 12 percent of that amount for fiscal year 1968, or \$35 million out of \$275 million for graduate teaching.

Up to this point I have not had a telegram or letter from any educational group objecting to this kind of cut.

At the same time they are pleading for a new program for the Teacher Corps. Neither have I had any telegrams or letters from groups in this particular organization who have voiced any protest on the fact there is only a 50-percent request for authorized funds from elementary up through higher education. In higher education it amounts to about 52 percent and in elementary and secondary about 50 percent.