

to find out what is the best formula for training and getting the best teachers.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Under the legislation as drafted there is no limitation?

Mr. PROEST. There is no limit. It would be quite appropriate to put a limit on it.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Would you contemplate that the National Commission for Cooperative Education might be an applicant for funds under this section?

Mr. PROEST. We would hope that there would be support for regional conferences. We have done three statewide conferences on cooperative education, in New Mexico, Indiana, and Oregon.

We have one coming up in southern California. We would hope that we could get some funds for that kind of conference function to get educators and businessmen to come and spend a day or two developing this.

Mr. ERLNBORN. How is the national commission now financed?

Mr. PROEST. We are financed as follows: We have contributions from about 55 different corporations ranging from \$100 up to \$5,000. We have a grant of \$65,000 a year from the Ford Foundation. But no college or university makes any financial contribution.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Lastly, I would ask, Do you think, if Federal funds become available to your commission, that this would augment the funds available to you or supplant some of the foundation grants?

Mr. PROEST. I think it would augment.

Mr. ERLNBORN. I think we found in some of our Federal programs that Federal funds tend to drive out private funds. I am not certain under our present fiscal "crunch" that we are really doing much good if we use Federal funds and then find that discourages private donation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Thank you very much, gentlemen. We appreciate your coming and giving us this very helpful testimony.

Mr. BARICH. Thank you.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Our final two witnesses, and we are very grateful to them for their patience, are Carl J. Megel, director of legislation for the American Federation of Teachers, and Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the United Federation of College Teachers, New York.

Gentlemen, if you will proceed to summarize your statements we will put the entire statements in the record.

STATEMENT OF CARL J. MEGEL, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO

Mr. MEGEL. Mr. Chairman, I assure you we will be very brief.

Just for introduction and reference, may I say that I am Carl J. Megel, director of legislation of the American Federation of Teachers, a national professional union of more than 150,000 classroom teachers affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

Our organization embraces more than 760 teacher locals, 82 of which are college, university, and junior college locals. Appearing with me this morning is Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the United Federation of College Teachers, New York, Local 1460 of the American Federation of teachers, to supplement my remarks.