

cultures, religions, philosophy, politics, whatever is pertaining to the human condition is something that should not be beyond our range for study, inquiry, and learning. So when we are talking about those who are going to teach young people, the broader we can make their scope, the deeper we can make their understanding, the better off we will be as a society because those who are going to teach the children will be repositories, not only of specific course work, like biology, sociology, math, and so forth, but interrelationships among people that they have learned from their experiences, from their reading, from their coursework, seminars, or whatever. We should not fear having people teach who are very broad in their outlook on life. Anything that is an existing reality, anything that can become an existing reality is a matter that those who are going to be teachers should deal with. That doesn't mean one person is going to learn everything about all things about which some knowledge exists, but we have to make them understand that their specific background and upbringing is not all that there is to the world. Their point of view may be valid for them but it may not be valid for everybody, and until we can breakdown some of the stereotypes that the people who are going to be teachers would hold themselves, we cannot expect the teachers to become those who will breakdown stereotypes because they may not be aware that their thinking is stereotypical. If you have lived in one milieu all of your life, it is almost impossible not to see that point of view as the view that everybody in the world would hold, and when somebody disagrees with that or challenges it, then it is taken as a personal attack, not a discussion of ideas that may differ but a personal attack because it has become so ingrained in your own way of being that to attack it is to attack you and discussions that are not personal in any way become personal because of the way they are perceived. So if the word "pluralistic" is disturbing to people, that alone should not be enough to make us discard the word. I think the educational experience should be disturbing. It's purpose is to bring new ideas. It is to make us think and stretch the most unused but most powerful organ in our body and that is the brain. The human mind, the brain is capable of things that no computer, regardless of how sophisticated, can do. We should be doing all that we can when we talk about these kind of matters to encourage the total utilization of the mind, or utilization of as much of it as we can encourage people to go for. I am going to have to vote against Senator Beck's amendment. I can understand what the Urban League is interested in and concerned about. I understand