

1 in skills, according to young people's abilities.

2 Our nation has been very much concerned for
3 the past five years or so with the rate of dropout of
4 students from high school. Maryland has been concerned
5 along with all the other States.

6 Research indicates that the dropout rate has
7 been influenced very likely by not having enough equal
8 educational opportunities, but I would like to hasten to
9 add that all of these dropouts, all of them, were capable
10 of further training if we had been able to give them the
11 opportunity to develop their own abilities.

12 Many of these dropouts are persons of average
13 ability.

14 Wouldn't it be better to help those young people
15 than have them panic, drop out of school and take some
16 unskilled job because they think that is just the best bet?

17 Other research studies indicate that in the
18 State of Maryland, anywheres from 5 to 10 per cent of our
19 high school graduates would like to go on for further
20 education and cannot attend because of financial reasons.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: You have three-quarters of a