

There were 3 or 4 of us who met him -- Oh, first of all I phoned. This man in Pittsburgh said I could phone and ask for an appointment, with the son of the former president of the Union Pacific Railroad. He'd been in charge of the American Railroad in Europe. I phoned and asked to make an appointment the next week, some morning to see him. She said, Alright and made the appointment. Then she said, Would you please tell me what you want to see him about, because after you see him you might want to see some of our other officials, and I can make appointments with them too, she said.

I explained to her what we wanted. She said that afternoon she would make appointments with them. So that morning we got to Washington. There were 4 or 5 of us I guess. Myself representing the seminary. The others mostly representing the ACCC. We saw him and he sat back and told us about his war experiences, and we talked at some length in a very cordial friendly way.

Then we asked him specifically about having our veterans rights for our students and how we'd had them in Delaware all these years and could we have them here? He said, If you were entitled to them in Delaware you will have them here. That was the nearest he would come. He would give no promise but merely a statement, If we were entitled in Delaware. It did not sound very good.

That afternoon we talked with officials in his department one of whom was a very fine Christian. Very nice fellow. He wanted to know, Couldn't we get a statement from Pa. State University that they would receive our credits. Well, we don't give anything that would enter into Pennsylvania State U. work. There would be no point in trying to get that kind of evidence. He talked as if we'd have to give some assurance that some schools would accept them that were of that type. They were very friendly but gave us absolutely no promises.

I said, Suppose we did get them. That was in February. Could they be retroactive? to the beginning of last year? We've had these veterans with us since Sept. He said, That would be extremely unlikely. We came up here and Dr. Stam went down to see about some matter of detail at the veterans office in Phila. He was told that the head man in the office wanted to see him. He said to Stam, Tell me about your trip to Washington? Who you saw there, etc.? And they immediately gave us full provisions for all veterans recognition, and it would start the previous Sept. They gave it to us, and Harrisburgh gave it and everything was adjusted exactly right, even though nobody had made any promises! So it kind of gives you a baffled confused feeling as far as bureauracy is concerned.

Neher: You don't know what the result is going to be until finally it comes.

You just don't know. At the same time it gives assurance it's no use giving up in despair. You can push and try and try and then the next try may succeed.