

Deaf, Blind Must Be Separated Committee Told

RICHMOND (AP) — A Virginia Advisory Legislative Council committee has been told that educational facilities for the deaf should be separated from those for the blind.

P. Vernon Cherry Jr., president of the Virginia Association for the Deaf, said at a public hearing Thursday, each school "should be able to concentrate its efforts on one program geared to specific needs."

Frederick C. Schreiber, executive secretary of the National Association for the Deaf, agreed.

"Educationally, the problems of the deaf and blind require two entirely different types of specialization," he said.

Virginia's two schools at Staunton and Hampton are combined facilities for both deaf and blind children.