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ADMIRING — Secretary of Labor J. D. Hodgson admires an early disc made by jazz pianist Earl "Fatha" Hines. Hines is recording a Stay-in-School album for the Labor Department's anti-dropout program.

'Fatha' Hines Urges Youth To Get Good Education

Earl "Fatha" Hines, who has thrilled audiences throughout the world since the 20's with his jazz piano, is doing his part to encourage young people to get a good education.

He will be asking young people to stay in school on a recording that he is doing for the Stay-in-School Campaign conducted by the Department of Labor in conjunction with the President's Council on Youth Opportunity.

"Young people are the leaders of tomorrow," Mr. Hines said. "Certainly, education is the only step they can take to put them in a position to be able to handle the problems of the future."

Mr. Hines, whose own schooling included study of classical piano, has won many honors as one of the world's foremost jazz pianists. He traveled to Russia in 1967 with his band to do a musical tour for the State Department.

The famous musician visited the Department of Labor recently while performing in the Nation's Capital and met with Secretary of Labor J. D. Hodgson.

"I have followed your music for years," Secretary Hodgson said, extending a warm welcome to Mr. Hines, who agreed to pitch in and help cut the Nation's school dropout rate.

The goal of the Stay-in-School Campaign is to encourage young people to remain in school and get all the education they can.

"Fatha" Hines joins a long list of popular performers who have done recordings for the Stay-in-School Program. They include James Brown, Tony Bennett, Pearl Bailey, Greg Morris, Roger Williams, Dionne Warwick, Johnny Mathis, O. C. Smith and Tom Jones.