

during this last year, and therefore that the amount of nonstated unemployment is greater than when Conant made his estimate of last year.

Mr. WISHART. I should say also that the fact that this unemployment has hit more heavily the younger groups by no means mitigates its social seriousness or its gravity.

Senator DOUGLAS. Not at all. That is the next point I wanted to pass to: that, to my mind, this calls for a frontal attack on the problem of juvenile employment. It calls for the necessity of a revival of CCC, a beginning of job training on the job. It calls for the other features of the youth employment opportunities bill on a much larger scale than contained in that bill.

This, it seems to me, is the basic necessity. And I find it somewhat difficult to see how people are thinking of certain forms of communication at 3,000 miles distance with other portions of the earth, and neglecting the need for giving employment to the kids here in the United States of America.

Mr. WISHART. I might add this, Senator, that our studies of automation in the meatpacking industry have indicated that the primary impact of automation does not come on employed workers, except where a plant may be closed down. The impact is felt by the young people who are not hired in the first place, because their potential jobs have been taken over by new technology and new machines. And in farm communities this has been a very serious thing.

Senator DOUGLAS. In other words, the avenues of entrance are being closed?

Mr. WISHART. That is correct.

Senator DOUGLAS. Now, Mr. Ellis properly says that this incidence falls with greatest weight upon the young, the unskilled, the minority groups. Now, if you have all three of these combined in one set, a youngster who is unskilled, and who is also a member of a minority group—this means that it is intensified among them. I think this accounts in large part for the wolf packs which are organizing in the cities of the country, that it is really the most serious social problem that we have in the country, and it is an economic problem.

That is all I want to say, Mr. Chairman. That is the point I wanted to bring out.

Chairman PATMAN. Senator Bush?

Senator BUSH. Mr. Wishart, in your statement, you say:

But above everything else it is the responsibility of Government now to use every device at its command to create the preconditions of renewed economic progress.

What devices do you have, there?

Mr. WISHART. My understanding had been that we were not to present organizational programs, or specific listings of legislative proposals. However, I would include first of all a tax cut, lifting the burden of taxes, particularly on the lower income brackets, where a tax cut becomes immediate purchasing power, with volatility and circulation, to multiply its economic impact.

Senator BUSH. You would suggest that irrespective of any reduction in Government expenditures. Is that so?

Mr. WISHART. I would suggest that without reduction in Government expenditures.