

ambition and desire and you would have to work on the others, too, and we can't neglect on the others because maybe through no fault of their own they are in the frame of mind that they have become almost frustrated and if they have a kind word, somebody taking an interest in them, they show ability.

We have found in working with our youth board that some of the youngsters never had any understanding or care from their families or friends. That, when somebody does show some interest in them, their latent talents come out.

Mr. PERKINS. If I understand you correctly, and what I am driving at, we already have the machinery in existence, for instance, though the State employment offices, where we can carefully screen these youngsters and the ones who should be assigned to conservation work would be assigned to the conservation camps and in all probability the youngsters that had only a third, fourth, fifth grade education and the youngster with a better education, through the employment service and the guidance counselors that we would have in connection with the service and the information that the employment offices would obtain from schools and other agencies, there would not be any problem separating the youngsters who should be assigned to the Job Corps, the conservation part, and the ones who should be assigned to training centers for better advanced training.

Mayor WAGNER. I will say, Congressman, to merely be able to put them in various categories would be very difficult. The problem is to give them the training. This costs money. And the counseling service. I think it is important, too, that people, when they get some training, ought to be able to look forward to a job.

I think the most disappointing thing that could happen is that you would train people, and sometimes we find that has happened in our vocational schools; that is why we are taking a look at our vocational training program in New York, because we find in some instances we are training young people for jobs that are not available to them.

Mr. PERKINS. I agree with you wholeheartedly in that statement, but are not the employment offices in a better position to make that judgment, to decide who is better qualified for vocational training, to decide who is better qualified to go to the training centers that perhaps have just a little less than a high school education, and to decide who should be placed in the Job Corps and conservation work? We already have all that machinery in existence and it will not be any problem if this legislation is enacted.

Am I correct in that statement?

Mayor WAGNER. I would say that we have these setups now and they are not solving the problem. I think we have to try to use some new ideas in this. For many of them, it is a question of not just having them come into an employment center and fill out a slip and get a job. It is a question of having to stay with them for some time and counseling them so that they will come back into society and then make a contribution.

Mr. PERKINS. Now, under the work training program, I noticed in glancing through the mayor of Syracuse' testimony that he has more or less objected to the Job Corps because it takes youngsters away from their home, it tears up home environment. Don't you feel that in many instances that it is the appropriate thing to do, to place youngsters in