

that, Mayor, confining my 5 minutes to the Job Corps, and assuming you got your 6 percent that you said you would not necessarily be happy with but you would settle for it—

Mayor WAGNER. We haven't had any official offers.

Mr. AYRES. Do you think, Mr. Mayor, that in view of the fact that 59.5 percent of all of the young men in the city of New York that are called up to take the draft examination are rejected, that in itself would give you far beyond the 2,400 that the 6 percent would give you. The number of court cases involving juvenile delinquents over a 1-year period would also give you 6 percent. The number of unemployed high school graduates alone would give you 6 percent. The number of illiterates that you have would give you 6 percent. The number of high school dropouts would give you 6 percent.

Which of these five groups we are considering would you give priority to?

Mayor WAGNER. In the first place, Congressman, we spend a good deal of our own money on those problems. I don't believe that we are very far off on the general average of rejects from military service throughout the country. On juvenile delinquents, those figures can be deceiving. I think a lot depends—we had probably far less cases in the past when we didn't have as much law enforcement as now, but we have increased our police force and police our activities through the youth board and others, the youth groups in the police department. This has raised the number of cases. Now, it is very difficult to know whether 10 years ago, before these figures, we had more or less juvenile delinquency. We do know from the records of our youth board that have been charged with this that we have done a little better, in deference to my colleagues here from the other cities, a little better in the past few years in leveling off the incidence of juvenile delinquency.

I would say what we would have to do is perhaps use it in all of those areas, not being able to accomplish everything in every area, but to realize that they are all very important.

Mr. AYRES. If you were going to do that, then you would agree with many of us on the committee who feel that you are going to have to have possibly five different programs within the Job Corps because you could not possibly have the same program for the illiterate as you would for the high school dropout.

Mayor WAGNER. Sometimes there is not much difference between the two.

Mr. AYRES. How about the high school graduate you have in New York who is unemployed? You could not put him in the program. At least he would not be too happy.

Mayor WAGNER. That is correct. I think that is a problem with the high school graduate. I think that is why we emphasize continually through our board of education, in other ways, the necessity of completing the high school education. Most of these people who do complete the education can find a position.

Mr. AYRES. You see, Mr. Mayor, in your city of New York, in fact the whole State for that matter—there are only three States in the United States that have a higher percentage of draft rejectees. The point I am getting at is with the good education system that you have within the city, why do we have this higher percentage when