

Mr. LANDRUM. As a matter of fact, we make no effort to determine income. We make an effort to determine capacity to earn a living, to be employed. Is that what the bill does?

Mayor WAGNER. As I see it.

Mr. LANDRUM. Thank you, Mr. Bell, for yielding to me.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Mayor, it is a real pleasure to welcome you before this committee. I have often admired your fine work in administering the problems of New York City. I wanted to make a statement, Mr. Mayor, relative to your comment on juvenile delinquency and the problems of followthrough after the completion of their course in State schools. I think that you would be the first to recognize that this bill actually, as far as the Job Corps is concerned, is not at all connected with juvenile delinquency to the extent that one is voluntary and the other is not. I agree the followthrough feature may be an important part if this becomes a part of it.

As your experience as mayor of New York will tell you, I think that you approach problems from a very realistic standpoint, and I think you have to analyze them carefully and then rifle in on the programs that are going to be workable and practical and realistic.

I do not think that you start out programs with a lot of different kinds of ideas that may or may not make sense just to get something done, or moving in the right direction of an experimental nature.

Mayor WAGNER. We try to avoid that.

Mr. BELL. As you know, we have several, ongoing programs to fight poverty. Many of them have been passed or are in committee. Two of them which I certainly favored and I thought were very good steps in the right direction were vocational education and manpower development and retraining.

Now, the concept of recruiting 100,000 youngsters between 22 and 16 in a hundred camps throughout the Nation is a kind of startling approach in an experimental fashion, it appears to me. I think that our basic problem that we are trying to get to is to find jobs, is it not, and get people trained so that they can be employable and thus enhance their economic livelihood? Is that not then basically the problem we are after?

Mayor WAGNER. Yes; I might say that you have to train many of these people so it is possible to fill the jobs that are available or could be created.

Mr. BELL. So I think the approach to these problems is to rifle-in on these problems directly, get these men retrained by perhaps expanding the vocational education program, expanding manpower development and retaining program, doing many things of this kind that have a direct effect rather than trying to rely on something that is remote as a possibility of success.

I note that you indicated some question as to whether or not you could recruit or sell people for the Job Corps, that it takes some selling to do. I gather that that may be not one of the most desirable of the programs that you are thinking of for this package; is that correct?

Mayor WAGNER. I think that all of these programs are helpful. There has been a great deal of discussion on the question of these camps. I think that is just one phase of a large program. We do know that there are many who seek the opportunity to have a better