

Mr. BELL. On the Conservation Corps, as you referred to it, specifically what kind of program would you set up? Would you have primarily park work, these people living at home, and you would give them a job in parks, at least part of the time, and the other part of the time you would be training them in either vocational education type of effort or manpower development and retraining type of effort.

Mayor WALSH. This is what we would do. We have, for instance, North High School. We have just completed a new high school. North High School will be vacated this June. We would move in and set up a work-and-earn program and school program utilizing North High School as the base probably because it would be the one that is readily available. We would train the boys and girls in different programs. I am concerned about our parks. Our total capital program of \$9 million this year, we have only allocated about \$30,000 to parks and we need much more than this. This is not operating, this is for capital improvements. We could do a lot. We could do much more in our parks. We want to plant a thousand trees a year in Syracuse. We have a Dutch elm problem up there. We could step up this thousand trees a year to three or four thousand trees a year. The tree trimming program, again to control the Dutch elm disease.

In the recreation field we have hired young men, some of them college basketball players, who worked for the city during the summer. We could have these young men who are coming, who are highly respected in the community, work with them in the recreation program. We want to bring tot lots around the community where smaller children can play. Land is expensive in the city and you can't buy a big area and make a new park, but in the depressed areas, in the crowded areas, we would like to set up these little lots and we are doing that. Where we take down some slum housing we try to create a tot lot, for instance.

Then we create other lots, we make basketball courts. Basketball is a very popular game up our way. We put in a basketball court. We could use them in our public works department. We could teach them how to wash trucks, we would not be replacing the city workers. In our area if you wait 5 minutes the weather changes, and washing a truck is a problem. We wash them now maybe two or three times a week.

We could use them to wash trucks every day. This is still teaching them and it is still giving them work habits even though it is washing a truck. My own son is washing trucks on Saturdays. These are some of the things that we can do.

Mr. BELL. Mayor, getting back to the program of the Youth Corps, don't you visualize, also, a problem in the Youth Corps as pictured in the bill? Although it is voluntary to join this Job Corps, if they are close to delinquency or anything of the kind, you would have to be taking people who would want to go, and in doing so might you not be robbing some people who might be able to handle vocational education or other type of training, manpower development and retraining, or you might in truth be taking kids that possibly could be encouraged to continue school? Isn't this a likely possibility?

Mayor WALSH. I am not in favor of this camp idea at all if it is taking him out of the city. I want him kept in the city.