

Governor WELSH. I think the people of all economic levels will support any program that is aimed at helping young people. It is in their own self-interest, as I view it. If we do not do this, the crime situation becomes more and more acute. After all, these young people represent the largest segment of our society today. This is true in Indiana certainly.

In Indiana 40 percent of our total population is under the age of 19. This is a major segment of our society. Unless we give these young people a skill and a means of taking a place in society, they are either going to turn to crime or they will become welfare cases. The people of means are going to be the ones to pay this tariff. They are much better off to have these young people as taxpayers rather than dependents, as I view it. But the response of people to a program that helps young people is almost automatic. We find very little opposition.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to be sure that we do not get crossed up a little bit because of one statement of the Governor.

Your present program is being partially financed by an existing Federal program. I think that is what you just said.

Governor WELSH. The program that we contemplate. Now the program at Harrison State Forest, we did get surplus foods for a portion of it. But this was the only one.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Title I of part B of the proposed bill, of course, would enable you, as I read it, to fit it exactly into the program you are doing, but would enable you to do more of it.

Governor WELSH. Greatly expand it.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. You would not have to then depend on funds which might be very limited under the existing Federal program.

Governor WELSH. That is right.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Therefore, it is not a duplication, it is merely an assist; is that correct?

Governor WELSH. I believe so; yes.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. The only other question I would ask you is: Title I, part A, creates the Job Corps which I assume is fairly similar to the old Civilian Conservation Corps idea. Is there any conflict, as you see it, between your State plan and a CCC camp under Federal auspices?

Governor WELSH. I don't see that there is any conflict. I would hope that any Federal program would contain language either in the act or in the regulations governing the administration of the act, encouraging the Federal agency to work with State agencies and through State agencies to the fullest extent possible. This will vary from State to State, I realize, because of local statutes and local conditions.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. As you point out, there are many States which might not have such a program as you have.

Governor WELSH. So far as we know, there are none.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Certainly in those areas the Job Corps would be almost an essential; would it not?

Governor WELSH. That is right.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Secondly, would you have any objection, if you have in your State certain cities that might have potentials for a similar idea of a Job Corps but run on a city level, you would have no feel-