

Mr. BELL. Thank you very much, Governor. I want to again congratulate you on the excellent job you are doing in Kentucky and also commend Kentucky in being fortunate to have a very fine person like Carl Perkins here who has shown very much leadership in the vocational education program.

Governor BREATHITT. Thank you so much.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Gibbons.

Mr. GIBBONS. I have no questions.

Mr. PERKINS. Governor, I have several questions. I will keep you only a moment. I again wish to compliment you on your statement. But getting back to the community action provision of the bill, it is contemplated, as I read the legislation and listen to witnesses, that the greatest community action will be in the field of health and education, primarily basic education for adults or teenagers likewise, community action programs of that type, and community action work relief programs such as you have inaugurated in Kentucky.

Now one of the greatest needs still remaining undoubtedly will be community facilities, the lack of rural community facilities which you referred to. Am I correct?

Governor BREATHITT. Yes, sir, I agree.

Mr. PERKINS. I would like to ask you from your observation under the vocational education program if that does not only take care of the youngster who in most instances has already completed his high school education? Am I correct?

Governor BREATHITT. That is correct.

Mr. PERKINS. Of course, we contemplate taking care of dropouts. The manpower program thus far has taken care of the cream of the crop, the better educated youngster, and we have not still reached that unemployed, that uneducated youngster up and down those hollows and creeks, in the cities. Am I correct in that statement?

Governor BREATHITT. You are just as correct as you can be.

Mr. PERKINS. I think it is a pretty accurate statement that vocational education at the present time reaches very few people, if any, below the sixth or seventh grade level. Inasmuch as we have three-quarters of a million youngsters on the streets of this country, do you feel as I do that we should enact this Job Corps, accept these Job Corps recommendations, establish a Youth Conservation Corps to do immediate conservation work and get them off the streets, give these youngsters at the same time some basic education?

Governor BREATHITT. I do, sir.

Mr. PERKINS. And where they are able to take it, to give them vocational education?

Governor BREATHITT. I do.

Mr. PERKINS. It is going to be some few years before the present vocational education program in Kentucky, the expanded program, gets underway. Am I correct?

Governor BREATHITT. Yes.

Mr. PERKINS. As to the schools that Mr. Bell referred to, the residential schools, in conferences we had I may say we had a devil of a time getting even four residential schools in the bill. One of those it was specifically agreed by everybody in conference would be placed in the District of Columbia here. So it is very apparent that vocational education facilities are inadequate to reach this hard core, the out-of-school youngsters that we should be doing something for at this time.