

It makes good sense to me to put those youngsters under forest rangers and park rangers for conservation work and training. Get them off the streets. Give them some basic education. Give them some good training habits. At the same time we would be making greater progress in developing and conserving our natural resources—our timber, our water, our soil, and our mineral stripped waste land. Am I correct?

Governor BREATHITT. You are correct.

Mr. BELL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. BELL. I think the gentleman will find a great timelag in getting the Conservation Corps nationally organized and put together and materialized; probably it will take much longer than it will to use the expanded vocational education programs.

The suggestion that I was making to the Governor here is that we might use a State program of matching funds which would be just as effective in which you would use the vocational education manpower and training.

Mr. PERKINS. The testimony in 1961, 1963, again this year from Agriculture, states that they can have thousands of them in camps within 30 days with very little renovating. And within 60 days I think they can have 6,000 or 8,000—each department. And within 90 days maybe 16,000. So there is no holdup there at all.

Then on top of that, we have the Army camps that are not being utilized, such as Camp Atterbury in Indiana.

Mr. BELL. Are they going to have teachers in all these camps in 30 days, too?

Mr. PERKINS. They can be recruited.

Mr. BELL. Are you going to have teacher programs and all those things?

Mr. PERKINS. Certainly.

Mr. BELL. Teachers are already hired and ready to go in?

Mr. PERKINS. The plans have been made. The plans have been on the shelf for 2 or 3 years. We can get this thing in operation in just a few months and do something for the youngsters.

Governor BREATHITT. May this witness make a statement, please?

Mr. PERKINS. Yes; go ahead.

Governor BREATHITT. We did not make a decision in Kentucky to go to our jobless-parent program until last December, and we implemented it immediately. We now have a 4-month record of accomplishment behind us in this program, which is very similar to this program of the Job Corps—Youth Corps.

Mr. PERKINS. That is the type of community-action program that can be inaugurated immediately throughout the country; just what he is talking about.

Governor BREATHITT. In our adult education program we find a fine, untapped reservoir—our teachers that have gone in retirement. There are a great number of them who have been fussing about going into retirement; some of our best teachers. It is easy. They are ready to go to work the next day.

Mr. BELL. I don't see why we can't step up our vocational education and manpower and retraining. I can't see why we can't have those programs expanded in 30 days.