

I personally feel you have to be flexible about this.

In some States, undoubtedly in California, the State can do a good job. In other poorer States, the States won't have the money to do it and are not even set up in terms of facilities to do it.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Schifter, I am not exactly throwing out the idea of matching programs for the States. So, you cannot say they would not be getting help, Mr. Schifter. They could be getting help.

Now, when you speak of the problem of the Indian, I also want to point out that there are many other minorities who also have very difficult problems. I am the first to come to the aid of the Indians because I have been instrumental in helping them many times. I also want to point out that the other races in this country have had very severe problems, too. It is a question of just how you analyze it. Yet, this is the one that has had the least effect and this is the one where the Federal Government has had the most control.

That is all.

Mr. SCHIFTER. Could I make one other point; that is, under title I, part B, and title II, the Indian tribal governments can actually do a great deal for themselves in the way of developing programs, and that would be extremely useful. In other words, for local communities to come up with programs to qualify for Federal assistance but which were developed at the local level.

Mr. BELL. That is what should be emphasized, the local application of it and the Indians themselves working on it.

Mr. SCHIFTER. Very definitely.

Mr. BELL. And maybe directed by the State rather than the Federal Government.

Mr. SCHIFTER. Technical assistance would be desirable from the Federal Government but certainly the local people could work up the programs.

Mr. HAWKINS. Mr. Bell, the only point I wanted to make was that you continue to emphasize a group of persons who can directly be benefited by existing programs such as the Manpower Development and Training Act and vocational education, and so forth, that in addition to that there are certain individuals who cannot be helped by those programs.

This is merely an additional program to help a small section perhaps but certainly a substantial number of individuals, and I certainly have many of them who live in my district who need to be removed from the environment in which they live and to develop wholesome work habits and new attitudes. They are not going to develop those attitudes in the environment in which they now live. If they can be transferred to a new wholesome environment and put to work in a wholesome outdoor environment, let us say a completely new one, to develop these habits, to develop cooperative attitudes and so forth, I think they would be helped. Now, I am simply suggesting that I do not think that it is the question of saying that it has to be one or the other, we need all of them.

I join you in emphasizing that, wherever possible, if they can be given training in their home environment, that is wonderful, but I see no reason why this precluded title I of the bill on the theory that it does not help a substantial number of individuals. That was the only point I was trying to make.