

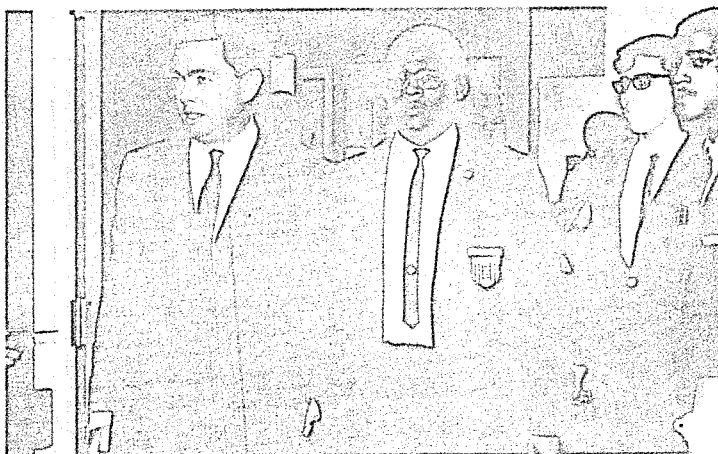
Robert B. Buckley, Graduate :

Well, I thought I'd never be able to make it back to Rodman to be before such a formal gathering. I'm kind of happy about it. 'Cause when I left there was a little bit of a hangup between New Bedford and Rodman students.

Sometimes I kind of regretted that I graduated from the Corps because I found such happiness in the Corps. But since I've been out I've seen

some of the things I thought I'd never have.

When I first came into the Corps I had this mental block. I couldn't do nothing . . . I couldn't do math...I don't know what happened to me. I guess they just beat it out of me. Sometimes they ask me on the job, "Can I do this?" Now I answer, "Yes, I can!" Right now I feel I'm in Limbo, I really do.



New Bedford Mayor Edward Harrington :

I think we in New Bedford have reason to be proud of the fact that we have played an important role in what I consider to be a very important experiment. We find that perhaps in some way we have made some small contribution to the lives of some of the young men who came here to the City of New Bedford.

I feel that we should be privileged to feel a certain amount of pride and happiness that we have in fact played some small role in this great experiment in understanding. I think that from the very beginning the people here in New Bedford really wanted to live in peace and harmony and with a sense of mutual understanding with the Job Corps young men and the staff associated with them.

We have found a way to make our individual paths flow steadily in the same stream - - we have found a way to seek a meaningful understanding of each others' wants and needs and problems, we have found a way to react together to make what I think is a continuingly significant contribution to the lives of young men who come here to New Bedford in the hopes of finding a happier and more fruitful and more important life for themselves. We are living as good neighbors and we have deep respect . . . respect for what you are doing here and for what Rodman means to so many young men and to the City of New Bedford. Let's hope that over the years, and while the Center remains that it can make a significant contribution to the City and to the young men.