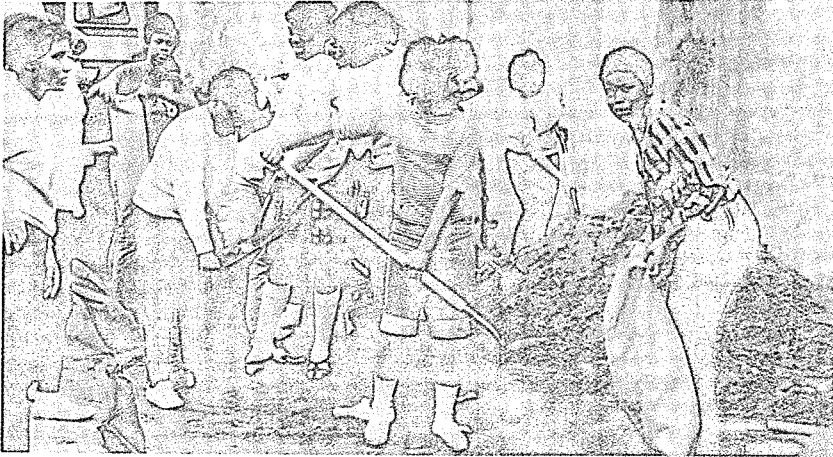




JOB CORPSMEN AND WOMEN ASSISTING IN FIGHTING MIDWEST FLOODS

Nearly 500 young women in the Clinton (Ia.) Job Corps Center are working alongside townspeople to prevent flooding of the Mississippi River at that point, while another 1,000 Job Corpsmen are ready in Wisconsin to fight floods.

The young women in the Clinton center have been working four hours a day, filling sandbags as Clinton builds levees to prevent flooding. The river's crest is expected Saturday.

Center Director W. A. Lewis reported to Job Corps Director Wm. P. Kelly, that 150 young women have been working the morning shift and about 300 the afternoon shift in filling sandbags. During the remaining half day, the young women continue their Job Corps education and training.

Kelly said an additional 20 young women are working with the American Red Cross canteen in making sandwiches. The center, he said, is making its grounds available for the storage of equipment and merchandise from flood-threatened establishments.

The center also is getting ready to accommodate up to 200 families, who might be made homeless, for a month or more.

Meanwhile, approximately 200 young men from two Wisconsin Job Corps Conservation Centers are preparing to join flood cleanup crews in Northern Wisconsin. The young men are from the Blackwell Center near Laona and the Clam Lake Center at Clam Lake.

The McCoy Job Corps Center at Sparta, Wisconsin has offered the service of its 700 young men to Governor Knowles and Civil Defense authorities are determining how and where to use them.