

Mr. KELLY. As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I would like to submit, if I may, for the record some of the comments we have gotten from a whole host of employers that have employed Job Corps men and women. For instance, the Hiline Paper Co. in Renton, Wash. The president of that company said:

Wish we could get eight more as good as we got from VISTA.

That is our Job Corps Conservation Center in Randle, Wash
The manager of the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Winnetka, Ill. said:

I am extremely satisfied with Job Corps boys from the Job Corps. The whole government would have to fight me to get those boys out of here.

Those youngsters are working as groundkeepers and gardeners and landscapers. I have comments from the personnel manager of the Standard Oil Co. of Cleveland; Gestetner Corp., Yonkers; Cleveland State Hospital; Birsall Motors, Victorville, Calif.; a whole host of them; and if the committee would be interested in seeing what some of the employers think about these lads I would be delighted to present it.

(The information referred to follows:)

[For release May 28, 1967]

EMPLOYERS PLEASED WITH JOB CORPS YOUTH

"S. is doing fine as a keypunch operator. Send me 50 more."

This was the comment of one employer in a sampling of comment about a new group of employees being hired by American business—the young men and women who have had Job Corps training.

The enthusiastic comment by Harry Healey, personnel director, Blue Cross, in Boston, was echoed by other employers. For example:

Hiline Paper Co., Renton, Washington, Bruce Retinske: "Wish we could get eight more as good as we got from Cispus (Job Corps Conservation Center, Randle, Washington.)"

Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka, Illinois, Clarence Watson, manager: "I am extremely satisfied with boys from Job Corps, and the whole government would have to fight me to get these boys out of here."

Since the program began in January 1965, thousands of young men and women have obtained jobs as a result of the education and work-skill training of Job Corps. Many others were able to improve themselves so that they could pass the entrance examinations for the Armed Forces, which they couldn't do before. Still others received sufficient motivation from the Job Corps to return to school.

William P. Kelly, Director of Job Corps, said more than 50,000 young men and women have been placed in jobs, school or the Armed Forces since the inception of the program.

"We know that we cannot achieve success with every young man and woman who comes into the program," he said. "But it is heartening to know that about seven out of every ten are benefitting from Job Corps and have been started on the road to a worthwhile future."

"It is also gratifying to hear the reactions of businessmen about former Corpsmen and women who now are on their own in the world."

Some of the sample comments received from employers:

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio, Cleveland: "If Miss P. is in any way indicative of your training and the type of student Job Corps can produce, then you are to be commended. You are doing a very necessary and excellent job."

Skyline Sport Shop, Vancouver, Washington, D. W. Bennett, owner-manager: "He has done very well, and at present is receiving within 50¢ an hour of what top union mechanics are receiving in our area. He is always on the job on time and has never lost a day's work since he started, without first getting permission. B. started work in our shop on October 19, 1965. We are pleased to have him as a member of our crew."