

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say to the gentleman I conducted the hearings on vocational education in 1963 and on the Job Corps in 1963 and the same witnesses, if you will go back and examine those hearings, stated that there was a place for both. Vocational experts, the best vocational educators, stated that, in their opinion.

At that time we called it the Youth Opportunity Act. It was essential to reaching the hard core that we had not reached and there was no disagreement. The disagreement seems to be recently.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, may we request perhaps, while we have the opportunity, to hear these people on VISTA, that we do so.

Chairman PERKINS. Yes. I think we all agree with the gentleman from Oregon. Mr. Shriver, commence on this.

Mr. SHRIVER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I introduce here on my left the Director of VISTA, William Crook, and his Deputy. His Deputy had to leave, I am embarrassed to say.

Mr. QUIE. Is he going to leave with the books he was going to take 30 minutes to send up?

Mr. SHRIVER. I was just saying that Mr. Crook is Director of VISTA and Mr. Pace is one of the Associate Directors. We did have the Deputy, Pat Kennedy, here up until now but he had to leave. Mr. Crook, by way of information for the members of the committee, was formerly the regional director of our office in Austin, Tex., which covers the Southwestern States. In that job he had responsibility within that region not only for some of the VISTA activities, but the community action and Job Corps activities as well.

It is only within the last 6 months that he has been the active Director of VISTA. He had a distinguished career in education before he came into the Federal Government at all and so he was selected for this job and has I think done a very fine piece of work since he has been in Washington running the operation. Dr. Crook.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scherle.

Mr. SCHERLE. Off the record.

(Off the record.)

Chairman PERKINS. Proceed.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM H. CROOK, DIRECTOR OF VISTA

Mr. CROOK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. We have decided to complete the testimony this afternoon on VISTA. Everybody else that wants to go may leave.

Mr. CROOK. Mr. Shriver has given me the privilege of speaking for some very great Americans age 18 to, I think the oldest is 86. These are the people who are serving in some 1,100 communities throughout the United States.

Mr. Chairman, I have a written statement. I would like to read just a few paragraphs from it and then ask that some exhibits be placed in the record and I will be available for questions.

Mr. QUIE. Are we going to receive some information comparable to what was given for the Job Corps and, if so, could we have it now so that we can look it over by next week? I would not want our colleague from New York, who is not here right now, to make the same charges against you next week on the VISTA program that he did on the Job Corps.

Mr. BAKER. There aren't that many of them.