

Secretary WIRTZ. That would not be a comparable figure. I am talking about that group which we are interested in here this morning. I am including those who are not even looking for work, who are standing on street corners, who have just given up.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Some of those would be in addition to the 3 million?

Secretary WIRTZ. That is right. I would guess, and I think this is only a guess, that of that 3 million figure something in the neighborhood of half a million would probably be included in this group.

I am thinking particularly of the hard-core unemployed. I mean those who have been unemployed for more than 15 weeks probably present a serious problem. That is probably 464,000.

Mr. DELLENBACK. On a comparable base against the 3 million you would say a half million?

Secretary WIRTZ. About a fifth of it.

You see, a lot of it is seasonal unemployment. A lot of the 3 million figure is because of seasonal unemployment.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Recognizing that we are striving to reach the problem of the unemployed—

Secretary WIRTZ. So that the record is clear, I meant frictional unemployment, people moving from one job to another. The seasonal unemployment is also a large factor.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Recognizing that you are concerned as we are concerned with the question of unemployment and not the semantics of whether we call it hard-core or soft-core, or whatever we may be dealing with, is there not a significant group in this country, perhaps with particular heavy emphasis on certain minorities, who really are capable of holding jobs without this complete social reeducation to which the gentleman from Washington was alluding earlier, who just aren't able to get employment?

Secretary WIRTZ. Because of a lack of job availability?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Perhaps a lack of sufficient skill on the part of the person involved to fill the job availability that is open.

Secretary WIRTZ. That would be correct.

Mr. DELLENBACK. If we deal with this on a graduated scale, surely at one end we have those who are completely unemployable, we have to almost start to reeducate and socialize them, to bring them to any sort of level.

As we start moving up this line we hit persons who start to have employable skills or almost employable skills, if we do something marginal to get them over the line to a job.

Secretary WIRTZ. That is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. On these experimental programs, when we are willing to have on-the-job training and we have Federal funds to help with certain types of training aids, we are dealing with this group and you are doing experimental work in this area. Is this correct?

Secretary WIRTZ. That is correct.

Mr. DELLENBACK. It seems to me that whether you have to shift a little bit down and continue it a little bit further or whether you are still talking substantially about this group, that we do have a substantial number of people in this country who, with some additional marginal help could be brought into self-sufficiency and could be