

Mr. BRADEMAs. Mr. Secretary, can you give me any comment on the nature of your efforts and whatever results you have been able to obtain in developing jobs? How effective do you find this aspect of the operation?

Secretary WIRTZ. Do you mean the Neighborhood Youth Corps?

Mr. BRADEMAs. Yes; my question is directed to the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Mr. HOWARD. First of all, we request our sponsors to contact the Employment Service in the community, in fact, before the beginning of the project. The employment service is expected to work with our sponsors on recruiting, testing, and referral of those who are ready for the MDTA Program, for available jobs, and to refer to our sponsors those who require our work experience programs.

There is continuous contact between the sponsors, who are largely Community Action agencies, and employment service during the life of the program.

At the time the youth is judged by his counselors to be a person who is ready for a regular job, there is contact with employers through the employment service as well as through the resource of the Community Action agency, of the Government agency that happens to be responsible.

In many cases the youth will go into competitive employment or full-time employment in the agency in which his work experience has occurred. The employment service has placed a large number of youths into jobs.

Interestingly enough, our studies have shown that the youths will often go out and locate their own jobs after this exposure to work experience. In addition, our sponsors have done job development work.

As we point out here, though, the record of getting jobs and holding them is a pretty encouraging one, given the material to start with.

Mr. BRADEMAs. I want to say that we have some Neighborhood Youth Corps programs in my own district in South Bend. They have proved to be one of the most popular and effective programs of this kind that we have had in our community.

I want to congratulate you, Mr. Howard, on doing the first-class job you are doing in administration of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

Mr. DENT. With the cooperation of the minority we will continue until we hear from the floor as to whether or not we have an opportunity to sit this afternoon.

Mr. Quie wishes to ask some questions.

Mr. GOODELL. Before Mr. Quie, do you have a figure on the number of contracts in private employment?

Mr. HOWARD. The total of the enrollments already executed as of Monday is 164 in the private sector. These are in Evansville, Ind., Dallas, Tex., Jersey City, N.J., and Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. GOODELL. Are these ones you have contracted for, or are they now employed?

Mr. HOWARD. We have executed the contracts and made the funds available for these enrollments. These were executed in the last several weeks.

Mr. GOODELL. How many do you have, the total, in the Neighborhood Youth Corps today?

Mr. HOWARD. In the out-of-school program?