

Secretary WIRTZ. The answer is "yes."

In terms of its being a large responsibility, I want to be sure again about our keeping a distinction in mind between two things.

There are two parts to the summer program. A very major part of the summer program is the encouragement of private employers to employ people whom they might not otherwise employ. This is an informal function, which is being exercised by the Department of Labor, but probably more significantly by the Department of Commerce, for example, which is working with the employers on that. It is simply an encouragement of private employment.

In addition to that, there is another significant factor in the summer employment program, which includes a variety of things, all of them Government employment of one kind or another.

It includes a Neighborhood Youth Corps component with—about 275,000 boys and girls who will be employed this summer or in work training programs.

Mr. GOODELL. That is in addition to your regular Neighborhood Youth Corps employment? This is an increment for summer?

Secretary WIRTZ. No, the Neighborhood Youth Corps program is broken down into three parts, the in-school program, the out-of-school program, which is a continuing year-round type of thing, and then a series of just summer employment programs.

Mr. GOODELL. I understand that.

Secretary WIRTZ. Now, the 275,000 covers them all.

Mr. Howard advises me it is 275,000 for the summer, in addition to the regular out-of-school program, which keeps on.

So it is definitely just a summer program.

Now, in addition to that, there is also employment of boys and girls during the summer by the Government, as employer, just as other private employers are involved.

So that in answer to your question, as to the Department of Labor's participation in it, if you take just the employment part of it—and it includes a good deal more—then we work with the Department of Labor, and through the Vice President's office, with the mayors and the Governors of the States, to try to stimulate private employment.

Mr. GOODELL. I recognize, Mr. Secretary, that in the early stages of the program we had to throw together some crash programs and try to meet a crisis. It has troubled a great many of us, however, that people who are obviously completely sympathetic to the war on poverty have been so critical of the manner in which the summer programs are being thrown together for the summer of 1967. I would like your comments, after I give you two or three quotes, and identify the individual involved, because after almost 3 years since we started the war on poverty, it does not seem to me that this kind of situation should continue.

James Banks, former UPO Director here in Washington, says that the Government's whole method of approaching summer "is a crazy, illogical, emotional response to a problem that deserves more serious consideration. There is something rather immoral about it."

Secretary WIRTZ. Immoral?

Mr. GOODELL. Immoral.