

bad situation, and that we should try to salvage as much as that group as possible.

The latest study on enrollee characteristics shows that more than half of the enrollees in out-of-school projects were military rejects. Of the out-of-school youths enrolled in the Neighborhood Youth Corps during the period of September 1966 through February 1967, 53.3 percent were classified either 4-F or 1-Y. This represents an increase over the period from September 1965 through August 1966 when 45.3 percent of the out-of-school enrollees had draft classifications of 4-F or 1-Y at the time they were enrolled. This increase represents NYC's increased capability in reaching the youths most in need of the kind of services offered by the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

The Department's pilot program for military rejectees was reported on page 66 of the Manpower Report of the President transmitted to Congress April 1967. Here we reported that a followup study shows that 20 percent of them subsequently qualified for military service.

Mr. SCHERLE. My other question, Secretary Wirtz—

Secretary WIRTZ. I should add to that one other thing.

Some of those rejection situations are for medical reasons, and that is a separate problem.

Mr. SCHERLE. When they made application—when they do make application and are accepted, do they automatically have military deferments?

Secretary WIRTZ. No; they do not. Not at all.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Secretary, I have one question left here, and, of course, not knowing in depth—and I don't know whether I will ever have the time to find out all that is involved in the OEO—so much of our information has to be gleaned from newspapers, and, of course, when we run across these different things, we clip them out and bring them to someone's attention to try to find out the basic foundation in the various instances.

Now, my question is: I have seen in the paper where there is an OEO program in New York which consists of the formation of a grocery co-op under the direction of OEO personnel.

Now, if this be true, can you justify using taxpayers' dollars to put the Government in direct competition with the neighborhood grocery stores or supermarkets?

Secretary WIRTZ. I am not familiar with the program. I will be glad to inquire of the OEO people.

It is not a program with which we have any connection. Mr. Berry of OEO testified on this subject before the committee on June 20, 1967.

Mr. SCHERLE. The reason I have asked you this question is because I think the other day when I tried to approach it, it was hard for me, and the members of this committee, to sift the various questions and fit them into their proper category, because we don't really know how many programs you have.

About the only way we could do this would be to take our questions, give them to Mr. Shriver, have him assign these questions to different committees, and then give them back to us and say, "This one belongs here," and "This one belongs there."

It is unfortunate, because I am sure there are many questions we would like to ask the heads of your various departments, where we are not sure exactly where your Department responsibility stops, and