

moving the camp later on? Is that the plan or do you expect to transport the boys over longer distances?

Secretary FREEMAN. I expect it will very obviously be from area to area, but in most of these areas there is more than enough work to be done for the number of people in the camps.

I don't think that faces us with a very serious logistical problem. In terms of planning and thinning trails and roads—we are so desperately short of those and need that kind of work that there is just a great deal of conservation work that needs to be done without having to travel very far to do it.

Mr. QUIE. If you are using it primarily for conservation work, thinning, working with the trees, that would be one thing, but I would imagine you would run out of picnic tables to build and trails to build.

Secretary FREEMAN. Maybe picnic tables, but we use a lot of them in other work, too. I can assure you that they are easily transported to the work areas or vicinities. I don't think there is much danger of running out of work on the camps.

Mr. QUIE. If you were given additional money could you place a substantially increased number of young men to work in the Forest Service?

Secretary FREEMAN. Yes.

Mr. QUIE. How many do you think you could assimilate in this coming year if such were the case?

Secretary FREEMAN. Of course, you would have to build the physical structures, but let me give you by way of an example: when the accelerated Public Works program went into effect in 1962 we put 10,000 people in the woods in 2 weeks.

Mr. QUIE. Could you duplicate that?

Secretary FREEMAN. You couldn't quite duplicate that because of the mechanics of getting these boys and the recruiting and the medical care and clothes to stock the camps in which they could be placed, but given the necessary leadtime to take care of the logistics we certainly could use 10,000 more to good advantage.

Mr. QUIE. You undoubtedly have an interest in building the picnic tables, thinning the trees, building the trails, and so on, but what kind of interest does the Department of Agriculture have in the boys themselves or is this the responsibility of OEO?

Secretary FREEMAN. Legally, the responsibility runs to OEO. We have been learning on the job so to speak as to how you mesh the relationship and the operation so the education, the discipline problems, the effort to stimulate and inculcate good citizenship now is being delegated by OEO to the Conservation Corps director, except broad standards and policy direction which is established nationwide and which draws then upon the best talent and understanding and most recent information in that connection.

So, I would say there is an increasing delegation of day-to-day operation responsibility including the handling of the young men as well as the physical work that is done.

Mr. QUIE. How many of these young men have been hired in the Forest Service after they completed their training in the Job Corps?

Secretary FREEMAN. The other day when I spoke at the graduation ceremony out in Indiana, I recruited one personally and took him