

gram and a work program. The work program is consistent with the individual missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As the CCC enrollees left behind a wealth of conservation work and recreation facilities as testimony to their contribution to the national estate—so the Job Corps enrollees of the past 2 years are beginning to complete significant work projects.

The CCC's contributed significantly to leadership roles for its "graduates" in World War II and in public and private service since. The Job Corps enrollees, although it was not specifically intended this way, are finding their way into military service, where many of them qualify as not before, while others are becoming involved in public or private service much as the CCC enrollees did some 30 years ago. We are witnessing now the rehabilitation of Job Corps enrollees who someday will hold significant jobs in this country just as we have witnessed former CCC enrollees occupying many responsible jobs and positions today.

It, therefore, seems to me that any program which combines many resources to extend opportunity to our Nation's youth and adds to our national estate should be continued and strengthened. This should be done by continuing the Office of Economic Opportunity with its responsibility for the Job Corps program.

As you consider the Economic Opportunity Act, I urge that you provide for the continuation of the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Economic Opportunity Council to—

Enlarge upon our experiences, in strengthening and continuing the antipoverty effort;

Continue and broaden the effort to help the American Indian through the entire range of programs of the Economic Opportunity Act, and

Continue the essential and proven programs such as the Job Corps, including the conservation centers, which are benefiting underprivileged youth and enhancing the national estate.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee, I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments with you, and I would be delighted to answer any questions the committee might have at this time.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Secretary, you have given, in my judgment, what has been an excellent statement. You stated that we should keep them programs coordinated under the Office of Economic Opportunity, in order to take advantage of the experience and knowledge gained during the past 2 years. Do you feel that we can more effectively do the job by keeping these programs under the Office of Economic Opportunity, and why?

Secretary UDALL. Mr. Chairman, I would say it has been my experience, and I think most of my people would bear me out on this, in the last two and a half years, that the Office of Economic Opportunity, the people that they have had directing that program, the new funds that they have infused, has quickened action all along the line. Although at times I know there are probably people in my Department that regard the OEO people as a gadfly; and I think we have needed a