

Secretary UDALL. Director Shriver has been very systematic with the Economic Opportunity Council. They have met every month. I am not able to attend all of them. I attend as many as I can.

Of course, the fact that the Vice President, himself, was directed to serve as Cochairman is also very important. He takes a lively interest in it.

The agenda of these meetings normally is directed toward the big problems, the problems that cut across the different departments and also the troublesome issues. It is a trouble-shooting entity. Why aren't we doing a better job? Why aren't we moving faster in this area?

This is the reason why I told Sargent Shriver that I wanted to have a meeting of the Council on Indians, I wanted to indoctrinate all these other people or get them to see the Indian problem that I saw, to enlist their interests, to enable us to do what we could to establish a sort of permanent subcommittee of the Council that would talk about improving the overall effort in terms of Indians.

I would say the Council to me has been a very positive force and it makes a very good place to discuss the broader issues.

Mr. HAWKINS. But it is not a Council in name only; it is a working Council which does meet regularly and it does have specific functions?

Secretary UDALL. Yes; indeed.

Mr. HAWKINS. With respect to the placement data which I think you discussed with the gentle lady from Oregon, these statistics that were compiled by the Office of Economic Opportunity, I would merely, Mr. Chairman, at this point like to indicate that heretofore this report has been furnished to this committee.

I just noticed that it does furnish specific statistics on verified placement in jobs in school or in the military. It is based on data including 2,381 Conservation Corpsmen as well as 4,068 in the training centers. I think the data included 52,985 youths that had entered jobs in the military or schools, of which 76 percent had gone into jobs.

I think to leave any inference that we have not had placement success, the data furnished to this committee is perhaps slightly erroneous, and if any further data is needed certainly we should join in requesting the information, but I think it should be known that perhaps so much has been furnished to us that some of us really haven't had time to read it.

This next question is one which has reference to the Indian task force. You indicated this was a task force which was suggested by the Council that we today do have such a task force in operation?

Secretary UDALL. This was a subcommittee of the task force; you can call it whatever you want. This grew out of the meeting that the Economic Opportunity Council had to discuss the Indian problem and the feeling that there was a need for a coordinating committee to assure that a maximum effort was made on behalf of the Indian problem.

I must say in the last year or last 18 months I think we have gotten some results and very concrete ones.

Mr. HAWKINS. Does this consist of Indians, themselves?

Secretary UDALL. No. I am talking now about the Economic Opportunity Council, itself, that consists in the case of my Department—a subcommittee of the Council.