

Mr. HAWKINS. In the CAP agencies that operate on the reservations, are Indians integrated throughout these agencies and, if so, how are they selected?

Secretary UDALL. The Indians are integrated wherever there are Job Corps camps on Indian reservations. These are not, however, camps that are just Indian youths. They are camps like the others, generally. Of course, the Indian youth participate where they are accepted in the Job Corps where they undertake the same responsibilities that other corpsmen do.

I am told, just to give you a statistic, there are about 450 Indian youngsters in the Job Corps today.

Mr. HAWKINS. These are all the reservations?

Secretary UDALL. No.

Mr. HAWKINS. These are Conservation Corps?

Secretary UDALL. That is right.

Mr. HAWKINS. In addition to that, I assume there are youngsters somewhere else, are there not?

Secretary UDALL. There are Indian youngsters—

Mr. HAWKINS. Those who leave the reservation I assume are lost in the total population.

Secretary UDALL. That is right.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Steiger.

Mr. STEIGER. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

I want to join in welcoming the Secretary and in paying particular tribute to Commissioner Bennett from the State of Wisconsin. It is a great pleasure for me and an honor for our State to have him as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In your testimony on page 7 you say:

There is a continuing need for the broad innovation made possible through anti-poverty programs. Innovative manpower, housing, health, education and other programs can be accomplished through the responsible agencies with coordination by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

I am somewhat surprised, Mr. Secretary, that as I read that statement, what I end up with is a somewhat different change than I would have expected. It seems to me that coordination might better come from the Bureau of Indian Affairs rather than from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Secretary UDALL. Well, I wouldn't want to mislead you because in terms of the total effort being made today, so far as the Indian people are concerned I think that the organization that has and must have the paramount responsibility is the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I think that with the large and broad responsibilities that it has we did not anticipate, nor has OEO displaced the Bureau of Indian Affairs in terms of its paramount responsibility.

But as far as the Indian people as part of the poverty group in the country and how they and their problems and the total national effort fit together, OEO, I think, has an oversight function, a coordinating function. I think I should clarify it for you.

So far as the Indian programs or Indian advancement, Indian development is concerned, the Indian Bureau and my Department has to have the dominant role. As far as the poverty people of the country, I think that OEO quite properly is the agency, as I indicated earlier in