

Nearly everyone privately believed in the Job Corps program and what it could do for disadvantaged youth, but few were willing to be quoted as wanting it in the immediate neighborhood.

It was sort of like the observation of the English Duchess in 1860, when Professor Huxley announced that man had descended from the ape: "Let's hope it isn't true but, if it is, let us pray that it will not become generally known."

Despite this, there were some who were willing to stand up and be counted. I shall never forget what it meant to us (and the youth of the Nation) when Evansville's Mayor Frank McDonald and Janet Walker, executive director of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, announced publicly at a luncheon that we could count on their support.

This was the turning point. Before long, industrialists, churchmen, and various civic leaders representing over 50 different groups, wrote us expressing words of encouragement or pledging cooperation.

Since then, we have tried to reciprocate in behalf of the corpsmen and the center. Perhaps the best evidence of the relationship that exists just 1 year short of our coming to Breckinridge, the Evansville Christian liaison group gave a pal dinner to welcome Graflex and hoped we would continue the operation we had and that they would do all they could to support the 100 corpsmen they invited to be guests at that dinner.

2. A look at Jobs Corps overall, and Breckinridge in particular: Since January 1, 1965, the following centers have been established:

|                                  | Number of<br>centers <sup>1</sup> | Number of<br>enrollees <sup>1</sup>  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Men's conservation centers ..... | 91                                | 15,000                               |
| Women's centers .....            | 18                                | 9,000                                |
| Men's urban centers .....        | 10                                | 15,000                               |
| Demonstration centers .....      | 8                                 | <sup>2</sup> 570<br><sup>3</sup> 750 |

<sup>1</sup> Approximate.

<sup>2</sup> Men.

<sup>3</sup> Women.

3. Companies involved in women's centers operation include Packard Bell, Burroughs, Xerox, Avco, General Electric, Philco/Ford, and RCA.

4. Companies involved in men's centers operation include Westinghouse, Thiokol, U.S. Industries, Federal Electric/ITT, Northern Natural Gas, RCA, Litton, SRA/IBM, and Graflex/General Precision. That is quite a list of bluebloods.

5. Miscellaneous facts on typical enrollees:

Remember: Corpsman arrest rate is one-half of the national youth rate. Unfortunately, what would be regarded as a "prank" in college too often becomes "malicious mischief" for a corpsman.

- (a) Reading level, 4.7 grade.
- (b) Years of school, seven.
- (c) Eighty percent have never seen a doctor or dentist (7 pounds underweight).
- (d) Previous behavior: 63 percent no adverse record, 27 percent minor antisocial, 10 percent one serious conviction.