

Mr. QUIE. Have you attempted to work out any contracts with other corporations for placement so they will have a similar target?

Mr. WHITAKER. We work with other corporations such as Caterpillar Tractor, who are mightily pleased with our welding graduates, and Johnson Motors, who are pleased with our small-motor-repair graduates.

Right now we are working with the Governor of Kentucky to establish an industrial committee whose job it will be to concentrate solely on this placement problem.

Mr. QUIE. One other question which indicates I came in a little late here. Who is the individual sitting next to you?

Mr. WHITAKER. This is Bill Dwyer, vice president of Darcy Associates, our public relations people. He was formerly administrative assistant to Congressman Horton.

Mr. QUIE. Do you have a contract with Darcy Associates?

Mr. WHITAKER. Long before Bill was associated with them; yes, sir.

Mr. QUIE. Do you mean with your Job Corps?

Mr. WHITAKER. Graflex has had a contract with Darcy and as a part of that, we also have them do Breckinridge assignments.

Mr. QUIE. Is that part of the contract?

Mr. WHITAKER. Yes, a portion of it is; yes, sir.

Mr. QUIE. Breckenridge had a lot of trouble before you took over, but we have not seen much in the paper since then.

Mr. WHITAKER. I hope you have seen some good things in the paper.

Mr. GIBBONS. It might be because of Mr. Horton's administrative assistant that you have not seen anything bad.

Mr. QUIE. I note at the end of June the Job Corps Recreation Center caused you some trouble. A Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald threatened to picket city hall unless the situation improved, complaining that Job Corps youths were drinking, chasing small children, trespassing on the lawns, and so forth. Did that get resolved?

Mr. WHITAKER. First, let me say we are not perfect and we have not hit the millennium, but basically the things that are being done in the community relations are ideal.

There was a bit of feeling expressed because of a Job Corps recreation center that we established in Evansville in an unmixed neighborhood because of the fact that some of the colored boys were not welcome in that area. We feel that we have overcome that and that we have a good feeling now due to the fact that the neighborhood is now using the facilities in the daytime and we are using it at night. There seems to be a good feeling about it.

Mr. QUIE. How did you go about working out better community relations?

Mr. WHITAKER. First of all, before we accepted the contract or before we said we would accept the contract, we went out—I went out personally with a group from Graflex, talked with the industries, with the chamber of commerce, with the service clubs to find out if Breckinridge was salvageable.

When we came to the conclusion it was, we told them of our plans and asked them if they could help us improve those programs. We have committees in Evansville, Henderson, and Morganfield, and in other surrounding towns, that work very helpfully with us in estab-