

Mr. WHITAKER. It is vastly improved from the days when this was evaluated—vastly improved.

Congressman QUIE, the next thing I wanted to say is if you read volume 4 of the Harris report, he admits or states in that volume that the extent of employment of the Corps men before they went into the Job Corps was greatly exaggerated, their memories of the job would extend back a year or 6 months, a year and one-half, 3 months, and they would report as if they were working when they went in the Job Corps and this was a mistake in the earlier volumes.

I don't know what the correct figure is but he states the figure he quoted was wrong.

Mr. QUIE. He did not upgrade the report in any way and give more correct figures?

Chairman PERKINS. If the gentleman will yield, on page 52 of the Harris report, he states that one should not conclude from the above data that those who never go into the Job Corps can do as well as those who are in for a short time and then drop out.

The sample of no-shows is distinguished by the fact that they did not join mainly because they were able to get jobs. Their experience is not necessarily representative of the group that has not come into contact with the Job Corps at all.

Mr. GIBBONS. May I make an observation here?

These figures have worried me but the very process of just being interviewed and screened for this Job Corps is a big educational process for some. It is probably more time than they ever used to sit down with a mature adult and examine themselves.

I think the education of a Job Corps man begins from the time he makes the decision to walk into that place and get interviewed.

Certainly, he begins to learn from the very moment he is touched by a skilled interviewer and goes through these very searching questions and has to lay out his past record and experience and reexamine himself.

I would say that the success, of course, in this program is very hard to measure, but success is a rather intangible thing anyway.

I think he begins to learn at the time he is interviewed and at the time he makes the commitment. This is an extreme example and I hope you won't hold me to this as a measure of success but I think you can measure the success of a fellow who stayed in the Job Corps a week, if he went there and understood himself well enough to realize that his place to start and place to work was back in his own community.

That would be a success for an individual. While I think these statistics and surveys are important, I think based on the human understanding we all have as parents, and this man is a grandfather of seven, the Job Corps is successful.

It is a successful experiment in getting something done that we have not been too successful with. It is not the only solution. I hope as we go along we will try to find other ways of solving this problem.

I just wanted to interrupt there because I did not know whether you are going to filibuster or not.

Mr. QUIE. I must say if that is a good experience, and undoubtedly it is, there must be more expensive ways to bring that about. An airplane trip may enable them to stay in a camp closer to home or have some of that same activity closer to home.