

we have got to find some way to adapt the books to them. I think the Job Corps conservation centers are doing this. I think they are doing an effective job, and I call your attention to the fact that if the results may not be as dramatic, as we would all hope, I urge that these results be judged in terms of the difficulty of the problems.

I don't say that Job Corps has solved all of these problems. I do say, however, that they are on the road to finding solutions but I wouldn't want to suggest to anyone here that all of the solutions are in sight. The problems are so numerous and complicated we don't even know the origin of many of them. I think we have to continue to try for solutions and I think the Conservation Job Corps Centers are a significant part of that effort.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me first thank you for your appearance. You have been around here working for the Job Corps many years, and I can appreciate that fact, and the fact that numerous years ago, you were representing, when I recall we met at the Congressional Hotel, long before we ever enacted, and we were moving around, trying to get the Youth Opportunities Act through the Congress, and we failed on several occasions, for several years.

Dr. SMITH. Yes; we did.

Chairman PERKINS. Until we were lucky enough to get it into one package, we were able to enact the bill. But I agree with you that if we can imbue in these youngsters motivation, that our accomplishments are worthy ones, that the funds we would spend will not be lost.

Dr. SMITH. A lot of them, Mr. Chairman, have not only no hope, I don't even think they know what the word means. They have never heard it any time in their life—never been exposed to it.

Chairman PERKINS. Now you made mention of one factor here that I would like for you to dwell on. It has been insinuated that we are taking the youngsters out of school to place them in the Job Corps and if you recall the Youth Opportunities Act, we specifically prohibited the enrollees from this. Youngsters to enroll had to be drop-outs. But you touched on that here, and as I think we ought to get it over, if you have made the study, the type of youngster that is usually enrolled in the Job Corps, in many instances, the majority of them are juvenile offenders.

Dr. SMITH. Yes; they are.

Chairman PERKINS. Have been dropped out of school for many months, some for many years.

Dr. SMITH. I don't say a lot of them have had records of felonies, but records of misdemeanors.

Chairman PERKINS. Some of them have records of felonies.

Dr. SMITH. Yes; they do.

Chairman PERKINS. Some of them have records of felonies. But you have made mention of the fact that we were not taking the youngsters from the school. Would you care to develop that idea a little?

Dr. SMITH. Well—

Chairman PERKINS. Since it has been hinted that we were taking youngsters from school.

Dr. SMITH. I know there is an appeal. I don't know whether you were in the Chamber or not, when I mentioned the story that I read.

Chairman PERKINS. I was not.