

Within that period, at the end of that period, this girl is qualified to go out and seek work which will pay her \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

What I do not like in training programs is where you take, say, a rural boy and you teach him how to be just a garage mechanic.

Chairman PERKINS. In most of these that you observed, the type of young girl in this particular Job Corps has been a dropout and has very little basic education, and the training that the youngster is receiving is building them up and giving them ideas so that they can be on their own sometime in the future and get by in the world?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. In order to do that, you have to have a job which you hold with pride.

Chairman PERKINS. Describe the type of training that the youngsters are receiving in that Job Corps.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I know it has been suggested that girls should be mixed; in other words, advantaged girls, disadvantaged girls. I think it is very important, especially for a rural girl, that when she is going through this training program she be with girls of similar problems, not necessarily the same background, not necessarily all urban or rural, but girls with the same sorts of problems, or boys, be together.

If you take a rural girl and put her in with a middle-class girl in a group situation, the rural girl will not open her mouth and will not respond to training, Mr. Chairman, because the rural girl and boy is peculiarly conditioned that whenever there is a more urbanized or better off person with them, they completely fold.

Chairman PERKINS. At any rate, we are dealing with a problem child here.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. That is right. A problem child becomes more of a problem child, in my experience, when she is put in close quarters with an advantaged girl that she cannot feel in communion with.

Now the training that goes on in the Job Corps is a very simple thing, like how to get along with people. Many of the people in my area, Mr. Chairman, have never used a telephone before. I have been with a boy who had never been in an elevator before.

Chairman PERKINS. How do you view the Opportunity Crusade proposal to cut back, over a period of 3 to 4 years, to phase out the Job Corps?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the bill, Mr. Chairman, to know what is going to be substituted.

Chairman PERKINS. Just assume the facts I am stating are true. Assuming that there is a proposal pending to phase out the Job Corps in 3 or 4 years and cut back the funds, do you feel that would be a mistake, or should we expand the Job Corps?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Of course, I feel it would be a very serious mistake in that I do not know another way to reach these young people and give them training for jobs. To cut back—I can't understand what the substitute could be. Already we are not reaching enough with the Job Corps that we have. There are hundreds of thousands more. In my own community, out of, let us say, 25 boys of that age level there were only four that could get into the Job Corps. This leaves me with 21.

Chairman PERKINS. In other words, you have a backlog of kids that cannot even get in the Job Corps down your way?