

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. It is impossible to pick one or the other.

Mr. DELLENBACK. But it is, you see. If it were possible not through Job Corps but through another organization, name it anything you want, to achieve these goals, would you then say you favor the Job Corps against the other organization?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. What I am saying is that I am highly in favor of the concept which you state, and that I am in the case of Charleston, W. Va., Job Corps satisfied to the extent that I know it by what they are doing, period.

And from that I favor the Job Corps on the basis of my experience.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Let me push a little bit here what your experience has been with Charleston.

Now you visited it at least once, I know, because I was there when you were there. How many young people have gone through the Charleston center?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am not aware of the statistics involved, nor the costs.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are you aware how many dropouts there have been?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Not in number, no.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are you aware of how many have dropped out at any stage of the program?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. No. I am very well aware of the dropouts that have come about as a result of my own work.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I do not mean to push this unduly. I was going to leave this line completely alone, except now I read you as saying a little bit about the Job Corps as opposed to the concept of what is sought to be achieved through the Job Corps.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am not sure that it is useful to try to make that distinction. I think you know very well what I am saying. I am trying to limit my comments to the basis of my experience.

I am satisfied to the extent that I know what Job Corps is doing. The extent I know the best is in Charleston, W. Va. I refuse to range beyond that.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I hope this does not prove to be the case, you see, but what I am a little bit afraid of is, in view of the Chairman's earlier questioning, that at some stage of the game we are going to hear somewhere that there appeared before our committee Mr. Jay Rockefeller, who went on record as saying so and so; he favors the Job Corps; he feels that the Job Corps in Charleston has done an exceptionally good job and he feels that this is the administrative organization through which we ought to push ahead.

All I want to be sure is that is not what you are saying.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am saying exactly what I now will repeat for the third time to you, if you wish me to.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I apologize for being so slow. Please do.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am saying that on the basis of my experience in Charleston, W. Va., with the Job Corps, that I am impressed by what they are doing and would continue to be impressed and would hope that their work is continued and strongly emphasized in the bill.

I am also saying that within that organization in Charleston, I am sure there has been much experimentation, and I am sure there will be much more and that they will modify and improve and build upon what they have been doing as the years go by.