

The Cleveland Job Corps Center for Women is the oldest women's center and the only one that is sponsored by a predominantly Negro organization. This partnership of middle class Negro women who are concerned and active in the program of Job Corps for all women adds to its uniqueness and gives strength to the Job Corps idea.

These women, even though they are predominantly in upper middle class, know what poverty is, what slums are and what deprivation and discrimination are and can do to human beings. They bring to the program an empathy and ability to communicate which are essential ingredients in a Job Corps program.

We do not yet have all the answers. There are no experts in Job Corps, but there are many of us who are working very hard on the problems involved.

There is much learning taking place on both sides of the desks and it is clear that we are part of what may be becoming a vast new educational institution with many implications for the traditional school system. Most of the questions with which we are laboring are not new but I believe it is somewhat new to find them important to businessmen and to the other kind of organizations I have listed.

The abundant economy of the United States compels us to move from mere expressions of compassion toward our fellow man to action that could not even be dreamed of in a society bound by an economy of scarcity.

Our unique team of government, private organization and business in the coordination of its talents and concerns, is making an important contribution toward providing a chance for self-realization and fulfillment for each person in the United States.

I am prepared to answer questions about any successes we have had in the Job Corps center and am prepared to discuss any aspects of the program you have any question about, but it did seem important to see all the women's Job Corps centers in this country, not only as a function in the lives of the girls themselves, but also as a function in the lives of the adults in the community who are a part of this very unique concept.

Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you.

The next witness is Dean O. William Perlmutter.

Go ahead, Dr. Perlmutter.

STATEMENT OF DEAN O. WILLIAM PERLMUTTER, STATE UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It is a great privilege to be here, and I especially want to express myself on Congressman Green. I know of the Congressman's magnificent work in behalf of education, and I don't know how many educators you have on your committee, but I certainly know of Congressman Green, and I come here not to read a statement, which I have already submitted for the record, but I would like to make some comments about the Job Corps, not in the specific way Dr. George has, since I am not engaged in the operation of any of the centers.

I took these last 3 days to prepare myself as thoroughly as I can about the Job Corps. For the past 3 years, I have been a very close observer of the Job Corps.