

Chairman PERKINS. In other words, you are saying the Job Corps reaches the hard-core youngster who is not presently being met by the vocational school?

Mr. ROTHMAN. Exactly. I want to emphasize we have no quarrel with existing vocational programs but this serves another purpose.

Chairman PERKINS. They just complement each other and there is no overlapping.

Do you feel the experience gained from the operation of the Job Corps will be of tremendous value to the residential centers that are in existence and which may be authorized for construction?

Mr. ROTHMAN. Yes, sir. I see the fact that some of these youngsters come out of the Job Corps and may very well go into vocational training, you see. They may then be adaptable to this kind of training.

Chairman PERKINS. Ordinarily with vocational training, the average training is about 1 year in high school and the children in the Job Corps are lacking in the basic education, coming from greatly disadvantageous backgrounds.

Mr. ROTHMAN. That is about as good a profile as anyone could give on the kind of kid that goes into the Job Corps.

Chairman PERKINS. Are you against spinning off these programs that you have enumerated in your statement today?

Mr. ROTHMAN. Are we opposed to spin-off?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. ROTHMAN. We are, indeed.

Chairman PERKINS. Tell us why. Tell us why in your own words, briefly.

Mr. ROTHMAN. We feel, again, the spin-off places or puts an agency into an existing department and we feel very frequently—I don't think we have a universal reason against spin-offs. The reasons will vary.

I think, for instance, Headstart is an innovative program and will continue to be innovative. Maybe it is a good idea that it stay in the hands of people who may not necessarily be "professional educators," not that we have anything against professional educators, but Headstart has been able to develop methods and approaches and programs that are particularly related to these kind of youngsters in this particular economic and social category of our country.

Therefore, we would see that program as being particularly unique within the OEO structure.

Now, that should be coordinated, I am sure, with ongoing educational programs. But the coordination with ongoing programs is one thing, but having it taken over and put under the administrative aegis of an ongoing agency is something else, and their attitudes and ideas and functions begin to show they are exactly the kind of innovation that has made these programs work.

Chairman PERKINS. Personally, I have always been in favor of strong law enforcement. I always did as vigorous and as effective a job as I could as a county attorney back home, but I want your views on the impact of the poverty program, the impact it would have if we made more funds available than the present proposal calls for.

In other words, what impact would those assumptions have on the rioting in this country in your judgment? Have we done enough? If we fail to act, what would be the consequences?