

In other words, we may handle two groups of 500. In other words, I am saying it is not necessary to keep them a full year to make them employable. I would say we could do it in 6 months, and then take in another 500. This is not the case in all areas.

Production machine operators, auto mechanics, some of these areas require more than 6 months. Many other areas can be made trainable in 6 months, and I think it is a mistake to keep them a year or two if it is not necessary.

We have boys who don't want to leave Mahoning Valley because they have found security, and we have—

Chairman PERKINS. I know your State director, Dr. Shoemaker, and he is a most outstanding one, and he has my good wishes. Tell him, furthermore, that he has had a good representative here today promoting the residential center concept. I certainly have no disagreement with the residential center, but I want to see residential centers come into existence. But from my knowledge and experience, we cannot afford to turn our backs on the present operation of the Job Corps because the residential centers are going to provide benefits much too far in the future to meet real urgent present-day needs, and the problem that we have is so great that it would be a terrible mistake, and my colleague here will have to admit that we don't have these facilities in existence at the present time.

I just wonder what they are going to do when they cut back \$105 million on Job Corps.

Mr. QUIE. We find vocational education can do it so more efficiently than OEO, that they can keep the present centers open, and start new ones.

Mr. WATSON. There would be existing facilities that could be used within 3 months. It took us 3 months to start Mahoning Valley.

Chairman PERKINS. You had an Air Force Base there.

Mr. QUIE. The Job Corps had the same thing.

Chairman PERKINS. The Job Corps has constructed several new centers.

Mr. QUIE. They didn't do it overnight either.

Chairman PERKINS. No. They did it in a period of a couple of years. From the time they made the announcement it was a couple of years.

Mr. QUIE. They did it when there was a better than 2-to-1 majority of Democrats in control of Congress.

Chairman PERKINS. I don't know whether the Republicans or the Democrats—well, the Job Corps has made mistakes, and it welcomes criticism.

Mr. QUIE. Have you had any trouble with the loss of your staff?

Mr. WATSON. I mentioned this the last time I was here. We have lost two to the Job Corps, and one of them is coming back. I understand—I probably shouldn't say this publicly—Job Corps friends may wonder who it is and when they are leaving, and maybe word hasn't gotten out, but we did lose two of our staff, and we did not particularly want to lose one of them, and I think we are going to get this one back, but we couldn't pay them what they could make in Job Corps.

Mr. QUIE. What kind of an increase did they receive when they went to Job Corps?

Mr. WATSON. I am not sure. One, I understand, was a sizable one, of \$3,000 or \$4,000 per year increase.