

Mr. HAWKINS. Did you indicate the average rate completed of the enrollees?

Mr. WATSON. I said that 50 percent of them were high school dropouts, and in the testing, well, the first 2 years, the average was around the sixth grade, overall.

Mr. HAWKINS. Let's stick to the other 50 percent——

Mr. WATSON. They were high school graduates.

Mr. HAWKINS. Would that mean an average of about the 10th grade? Do you know how this would compare with the Job Corps?

Mr. WATSON. I know little about the Job Corps.

Mr. HAWKINS. How many coeducational students do you have?

Mr. WATSON. All of our students are boys. We would like to have a center in Ohio for girls.

Mr. HAWKINS. You say the reading grade level is what?

Mr. WATSON. The first 2 years, the attainment level, or functional level, would be around the sixth grade.

Mr. HAWKINS. Are you aware that it is less than the fifth grade in the Job Corps?

Mr. WATSON. No. I would have no way of knowing this.

Mr. HAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Are you aware that 23 percent of youngsters who were enrolled in the Job Corps are vocational school dropouts?

Mr. WATSON. No, I wasn't aware of this. As a matter of fact, our experience, on occasion—we have very few students that have been involved in vocational education, and this indicates to us that if more of them were given opportunities in vocational education they would never have come to us in the first place.

Chairman PERKINS. 50 percent of your youngsters are high school graduates, and the other 50 percent have had high school education?

Mr. WATSON. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Quie, any other questions?

Mr. QUIE. I just refreshed my memory—I believe it was the Governor of Indiana who came here in 1965—no, it was 1964—testifying on the Job Corps, and he had the experience where the boys who were illiterate, that in their school they ran for the problem boys—they had an average, I think it was of about 10th grade they had gone through that were illiterate, so I think this is quite an indictment of our public school system, it is true, but it surely shouldn't be an indictment of Mahoning Valley——

Chairman PERKINS. I think Mahoning Valley is doing a good job, but it is not a comparable situation with the Job Corps.

Mr. QUIE. If anything, they have some tougher problems. There is one county where they showed there was 10 handicapped in Mahoning Valley, where there was only one who went to Job Corps.

Chairman PERKINS. This is more like a community college, set up to accommodate the youngsters in the area, and they are screened for that purpose. So it is quite different from the problems that we have here involved in the Job Corps.

I say that this school is doing a wonderful job. I just wish we had more of them, and you have got one of the best vocational education directors in the whole country.

Mr. QUIE. He wouldn't be in the Job Corps.