

to read quite a bit about it, and I don't know that our particular experience has much bearing on the Job Corps.

I have the impression that the Job Corps is dealing with a different kind of youngster.

Chairman PERKINS. That is what I wanted to bring out. You do have the impression that the Job Corps is dealing with a different type of youngster than the youngster with whom you deal.

Just explain that a little.

Mr. ROBBIE. My impression is that the Job Corps youngsters are from a less employable, harder core, if you want to call it that, group, perhaps a group with police records, if you will. I don't know this. I have this impression. Whether or not the Job Corps method for dealing with that kid is a good method, I don't know.

I have personally in the past, not speaking for my company, supported some continued experimentation with something like the Job Corps because I think we have to continue experimenting, the same argument that leads me to say we should experiment with an Industry Youth Corps for a reasonable time, at least we should experiment with something like the Job Corps.

Chairman PERKINS. Don't you feel the experimentation of the Job Corps and the techniques and know-how that we are obtaining to better deal with this type of youngster will be fed into industry to benefit you and benefit the educational system?

Mr. ROBBIE. I would certainly hope so. Many of the Job Corps contracts are run by industry so industry techniques are being fed into them and hopefully this will help.

As you know better than I, this is at tremendous cost.

Mr. GIBBONS. I know the gentleman at the table did not want to run down Job Corps enrollees, and I think the record shows that not all Job Corps enrollees are what you might classify for want of a better word, a "bad" boy, or a "bad" girl, coming out of some institution.

Some of them come from some really isolated places in the United States. You will find the youngsters of some farmers or fishermen living in isolated areas. Really, it is the only technique where you can get enough of them together so you can get a viable enough unit together for instructional purposes.

Perhaps you and I come from rather large cities and we tend to think in terms of our own environments, but there are a lot of small creeks and hollows, and by and large, many of these people who are really fine individuals are finding their way into the Job Corps and they are as my colleagues over here want to talk about residential skills, these are residential skill centers.

I will admit some of them in the Job Corps have pretty unsavory backgrounds. Perhaps we are making a mistake by mixing unsavory with ones who are untouched, but I think we do a disservice to a great many Job Corps enrollees by continually blighting them and by continually saying they are all a bunch of misfits and people who have had a chance but they goofed and this is their last chance.

They are not all that. They are from rural, isolated America.

Mr. ROBBIE. I am very happy to have any impression that I might have created to the contrary corrected. I think you have already heard