

The people who go out and see this, who are mostly the people in my community, and many of them do, we are free to go anytime, we are also invited, see this thing, and they can't help but be impressed.

I don't like to see my tax dollar wasted, but I am impressed and I am willing to pay for the program that they have at Breckinridge Graflex. I don't know anything about the other programs. I don't know any more than what I have read in the newspaper.

I know if half of it is true, there has been a lot of mistakes, and a lot of waste, but I am sold on Graflex programs.

Chairman PERKINS. You know if we turned our backs on the type of youngster that you see coming into Morganfield, Ky., and your record shows 23 percent of the youngsters received in the Job Corps have already drowned out of vocational school, and to my way of thinking, the primary reason is because one of our great problems is obtaining the information and know-how and the special education training in techniques to deal with this youngster at the bottom of the totem pole.

Don't you think it would be a grave mistake for the Congress to turn their backs on that type of youngster? Because crime costs so much more. Three times more. To keep a youngster—I mean, where a youngster has been convicted of a felony, to keep him in detention for a year.

Don't you think the Congress would make a terrible mistake of turning their backs on this type of youngster, interrupting the operation of the Job Corps?

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I don't know the answer to that question. This situation has been brought to national attention, and once it is done, why, the country feels inclined that we have to do something about it.

Here it is. This is one way that it is being taken care of. In my own experience, in my own observation, I think it is worth the price of what is being done at Camp Breckinridge. I don't know whether it is worth the price on all these other programs or not. It may be. It certainly needs to be considered.

Chairman PERKINS. The operation of the program, the cost has dropped down to an average annual cost of \$5,900 per enrollee in Breckinridge.

Mr. ANDERSON. I have seen those figures.

Chairman PERKINS. And that is about the average throughout the country. That shows that we have been profiting from mistakes that we have made in the past, where the cost was much higher. But it is my point of view, and I would like to know if you agree, that we are obtaining through this period of demonstration or experimentation certain know-how where we can effectively pass it on to other institutions, such as secondary, vocational educational institutions, and residential centers, and even to industry.

It is my point of view if we threw away this past experience, without going on, carrying on for a greater number of years, I would like to see the Job Corps eliminated. I would like to see it work itself out of a job tomorrow. But realistically, that is not going to happen.

Do you agree with me that we should let this program go along in the future without being curtailed until we can come up with answers that can take care of these youngsters?