

were in a position to make a judgment to cut the Job Corps program back to any degree?

I am just asking you that as a sociologist.

Mr. HARRIS. I think we are in the position of being caught with less, not with more.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ayres?

Mr. AYRES. In view of the fact of the proven capabilities of Mr. Harris' organization, and in view of the fact that the executive branch has spent thousands of dollars on surveys, I think we might break precedent and utilize the Harris service in the legislative branch. Perhaps as a good starting point we might find out what is going to happen in the country with the students who cannot carry a load and are placed in categories in schools and thus become dropouts.

I would be very much interested in you authorizing or suggesting that this committee hire the services of Mr. Harris to determine what is going to happen if the track system is abandoned.

Chairman PERKINS. I know my colleague from Ohio will bring that up before the committee some time for a general discussion.

Mr. HARRIS, just an elementary proposition—our schools in this country are not set up today to handle the type of problem child that the Job Corps is dealing with; is that correct?

Mr. HARRIS. Yes, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. Were you going to say something else?

Mr. HARRIS. As Congressman Ayres said, I would be delighted to do it.

Not only with the legislative but with the judicial as well. Somehow the arms of government do not seem to be able to generate their own objective facts which are so critical to evaluation.

I think the judicial, of all the branches—we are in legislative chambers here—gets into some terrible troubles debating matters of fact when indeed facts should be a factor, not a matter of opinion.

I think it is a terrible kind of encumbrance to operate under. Assertion then takes the place of fact. We should accept fact and we can have all of the arguments, debates, and disagreements over what we do about those facts.

If we don't agree what the facts are we will be hit by the blind side every Monday morning, I fear, for a long time to come.

Mr. AYRES. As you pointed out, I think many of these congressional questionnaires which go out are misinterpreted because, as you said, number one, you don't know where it is being returned from, and number two, the segments of our society are more inclined to answer questionnaires but they are all registered voters. So you could say 60 percent of the people in my district feel this way because you have a certain percentage of returns but you may have only heard from those who agree with your position so therefore you are inclined to agree this should be done.

Mr. HARRIS. We all tend to agree with those results that feed our preconceived notions. It is hard the other way.

Chairman PERKINS. I think we all agree that we do not have residential centers in operation in this country at this time to do this type of training for the youngsters that are now in the Job Corps.

Am I correct on that?