

Mr. HARRIS. I am not an authority on that, Mr. Chairman, but it is my impression that we do not have them.

Chairman PERKINS. Until we get the facilities constructed, it would just point up how grave the error would be if we undertook to cut back on the Job Corps.

Is that correct?

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Chairman, I might say if you leave aside just the Job Corps as such because I don't want to appear here just as a special pleader for the Job Corps, but it would seem to me if you included the Job Corps and a lot of other things, private things, local, State, and national, it is apparent we have a paucity of facilities not an overabundance of facilities.

I think this is the critical point.

I don't see how anyone can say that America for all of our wealth and affluence and growth and development has done the job of taking care of the basic psychic needs just to be an independent, self-respecting human being of many of our people.

This is true, and I think it is one of the gaping holes for all of the claims that we have about our country.

Chairman PERKINS. From the standpoint of the lack of evaluation, you have made mention of the fact that many of the governmental agencies do not evaluate their success and failures to the extent they should be evaluated.

You pointed out that applies not only to the Job Corps but you feel that the office of Economic Opportunity is taking advantage of the shortcomings as much so as any other infant agency that you know of.

Mr. HARRIS. I gather that advice today did do something. I don't want to open a can of worms on this, but I would say if it is the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Labor or the Department of State, even DOD, which is modernized a great deal, I still have a feeling that the Government is somewhat notorious by its undertaking rather vast programs and then leaving to chance what their real impact is.

There are lots of claims around campaign time pro and con about these things but I am afraid they are subject to the vagaries of extreme partisanship.

One thing I might say which I don't mean as a reflection at all on anyone here or the Congress as a whole but I must say, from my own experience that men in elective offices are extraordinarily sensitive about where they stand themselves, and for the life of me, I think in terms of their own individuality this ought to be translated more into the programs they generate.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much for your appearance here, Mr. Harris. I know the committee appreciate your appearance. You have been most helpful in making some definite clarifications which have been most outstanding during the course of these hearings.

The committee will recess until 2 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 1:15 the committee was recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you back before the committee again, Sargent Shriver.