

Representative CURTIS. Congress was out of session then.

Mr. SCHULTZE. Yes.

Representative CURTIS. But certainly the point is, it seems to me, that you have to give the Congress best estimates, even though you say at the time that these are guessimates. But you knew, certainly, that the \$112 billion was not sound, and yet you refused to revise that figure. You must admit that.

Mr. SCHULTZE. We refused to give a specific number for it; that is correct. We did indicate the areas where it was going to be up. We didn't give you numbers on it. The reason again is that when an administrative witness comes up here and gives numbers, those are official numbers. And particularly in the defense area, they would have involved things that we just didn't know.

Representative CURTIS. Thank you.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Mr. Reuss?

Representative REUSS. Just one quick question. Under the manpower training program, the number of trainees in the 1966 fiscal year was 273,000. These have been reduced in the current fiscal year to 250,000. What is the reason for that?

Mr. SCHULTZE. I must admit I don't know the reason for that specific reduction. I can give you what I think the answer is, and then perhaps, correct it for the record.

Representative REUSS. I believe they are up again to 280,000.

Mr. SCHULTZE. In 1968.

Representative REUSS. In 1968, but my question is, with a good program like that, with what everybody says is the way to come to grips with structural employment, what in the world are we doing cutting it down in this year?

Mr. SCHULTZE. I am almost sure what happened, Mr. Reuss, is that we have been making progressively a switch toward getting more and more of the hard-core disadvantaged into the MDTA program. Now I don't happen to remember the numbers, but there has been a very dramatic increase in the proportion of MDTA training for the hard-core disadvantaged. In terms both of personnel to supervise the program and in terms of funds, this approach costs a whale of a lot more per person. During the current year, the major shift to training of the disadvantaged is taking place so that the budgeted amount of funds covered a slightly smaller number of people, about 23,000 out of 273,000.

I am not positive of that. I will have to check it.

Representative REUSS. If the shift to the disadvantaged had been all that intense, I would have thought that the number would have gone up in 1966.

Mr. SCHULTZE. No, sir.

Representative REUSS. It must have been a shift away from somebody else.

Mr. SCHULTZE. No. What it means —

Representative REUSS. Why, at this time, when everybody admits our great problem is structural unemployment and training people, why are we this year, you still have five months of this fiscal year to live in, why are we reducing our manpower development and training program?