

Secretary WIRTZ. We will identify that in that report which Senator Miller has requested—we will identify it as far as we can, anything allocable to the Vietnam situation.

Representative CURTIS. Also, when the day comes when we end the war, we have the other side of the coin of what our problem might be in getting these people back into the labor market. I am just trying to get some idea of the size of the problem.

Secretary WIRTZ. I think of that not only as a problem but as a prospect.

Representative CURTIS. It is a problem. When we shifted from the Korean war, I recall all sorts of talk. Well, I identified a good deal of the unemployment then as a shift from a war economy to a peace economy, and we have now shifted to a degree from a clearly peace economy to one that is partially war. I want to see through the labor statistics, the extent of this.

During World War II we had a Manpower Utilization Board which, partly considered deferment cases for munitions industries and so forth. There is a similar board today or commission, is there not?

Secretary WIRTZ. No, it is a function that I exercise as Secretary of Labor with respect to occupations, and the Secretary of Commerce with respect to industries. The function is carried out but it is carried out in a line department basis. There is an interagency committee.

Representative CURTIS. That is what I thought. Has that been active in recent years—in the recent year and a half or two years?

Secretary WIRTZ. I can tell you exactly. As far as the occupations are concerned, and I answer because I am chairman of that committee, there have come up from the interagency committee several recommendations about deferments. I felt that the circumstances did not warrant any additional deferments, so there has been in terms of change—in the last 4½ years there really has been no extension of that.

Representative CURTIS. In other words, what deferments there are we might relate to peacetime kinds of deferments?

Secretary WIRTZ. Developed before 1963.

Representative CURTIS. Thank you very much.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Congressman Scheuer? Congressman Scheuer is not a member of the committee but he has an interest in this.

Representative SCHEUER. I am grateful to join you for a few moments. I have enjoyed your testimony very much, Mr. Secretary.

In your statement you emphasize the point that we are developing manpower policy and programs and in your remarks you emphasize the affirmative statement that you believe these are necessary.

What is your estimate of the total pool of unemployed persons in the country, somewhere between 2½ or 3 million that would make sense for us to develop these special manpower training programs, for training, educating, and qualifying these people, either in public or in the private sector?

Secretary WIRTZ. I am afraid I missed the specific form of the question, Mr. Scheuer.

In terms of occupations or in terms of areas?

Representative SCHEUER. You mentioned in your testimony that these programs to train, educate, and qualify people could be aimed at developing their talents in the private sector primarily, but also in the public sector, too. Of the pool of unemployed who presumably