

Representative MOORHEAD. You point out, Mr. Secretary, that some of those people have remediable physical handicaps. Is there any program to bring remedies to them?

Secretary WIRTZ. As far as the formal Government program is concerned, it includes most specifically the vocational rehabilitation program, which is in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and administered through the State agencies. So, it falls further outside my jurisdiction than would permit a clear answer.

As far as our own people are concerned, the formal Department of Labor training program, so far as it goes, includes very few of the physically and mentally handicapped. I have qualified both answers, because as we both know, there is a great deal of private work going on in this interest. A good deal of this centers around the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, and the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped. But a very large part of what is being done, as far as the physically and mentally handicapped are concerned, falls today outside the Government program, and I say this as—well, a confession of inadequacy as far as our training program is concerned.

Representative MOORHEAD. Mr. Secretary, referring to your statement you refer to the 110 recipients of Aid for Dependent Children who are in your work incentive program.

Secretary WIRTZ. 110,000.

Representative MOORHEAD. Thank you—110,000. Do you include those people as people who ought to be working?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes. That, of course, involves several very complicated controversial questions.

You perhaps noticed a report about a week ago, in which an interview I believe in New York had indicated that 80 percent of those women wanted to work, wanted to take training.

Now, I am not just sure about that. I suppose if anybody is asked whether she wants to take training, the inclination is to answer, "Of course." So I am not sure about that.

We are proceeding on the assumption that in most cases the action of the Congress, last year, will not present a problem, and that we will find a receptivity to training, so it is not going to be a serious problem. But I am not sure what we are going to find on that. That program starts with us on April 1.

Representative MOORHEAD. It would seem clear to me that in some situations it would be much better for the mother to be with her children rather than on a job, or in an on-the-job training program; it would seem to be clear in other situations it would be much better for the mother to have the work incentive, and the pride of a job, income, and so forth.

Secretary WIRTZ. I agree.

Representative MOORHEAD. How do you make this determination in the 110,000 work-incentive enrollees that you will have this year?

Secretary WIRTZ. Two pieces in the answer.

First, in our advanced thinking about it, the identification of that fact is going to be made in every case. And second, that the—

Representative MOORHEAD. Who makes that identification?

Secretary WIRTZ. Through the State employment service officers working with the Manpower Administration. But a very important