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REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
AT THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF THE JOB CORPS
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There is a French saying -- "The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that counts."

The young men and women of the Job Corps are living examples. For many of them it was the first significant step in their journey of life when they came to Job Corps.

It was not a small step, but a giant stride forward on the road to a successful, fruitful life. It was a step which brought them to what some described as their "second chance," what others called their "last chance," and for all too many of them, it was really their only chance.

For me, today, this is a dream literally come true.

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Sam Hubbard
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Sen Randolph

As a Senator, for many years I worked for a program like the Job Corps. I am proud of that record. And today, we see the fine results of our dreams. I am grateful. I am proud of all of you. like members of my family

It takes real courage to leave a familiar environment -- poor though it may be -- and enter Job Corps to begin life anew in some faraway place. But without such courage ~~it they~~

all too many people would settle deeper and deeper into the quicksand of poverty and squalor and human misery. History tells us vividly how they so often have been lost forever, not only as individuals, but as potentially useful and productive Americans.

But these young people, the more than 20,000 30,000 by Sen 40,000 by 1960 now in centers throughout the nation, had the courage. And for many of them, the courage is paying off and

will reward them, and society, in the years to come.

↳ These young men and women are finding in their new world of Job Corps many of the things they had been denied in their earlier surroundings. ↳ They are finding that learning can be meaningful, that work can be rewarding, that living in harmony with their fellows is enjoyable.

↳ But they are finding something more. They are finding -- a great many of them -- that the Job Corps center is the first place where there are adults who care about them, who are interested and concerned about them.

↳ These young men and women also are finding out something new about society. So many of them were in an undeclared -- and sometimes declared -- war against

society. Now they are finding that people aren't so bad after all, and are not just natural enemies.

↳ This change of attitude is one of those intangible gains -- it is an important product of this program.

↳ But equally important, society is finding out something about these young people, ↳ It is so easy to

sit back and say that the unemployed, undereducated youth of this nation are shiftless, that they don't want to work.

such generalizations aren't true
We know that ~~it isn't~~ true. We see ~~it in these~~ *the regulation of*

these generalizations in the
Job Corps youth; we see it in the young people involved in the other programs of the War on Poverty. And the American people are beginning to see it, too.

↳ Given the chance -- be it the first, the last, or the only chance -- most of these young people are taking full advantage of the opportunity. They are going to be

good workers, good citizens, good taxpayers, good Americans.

↳ I am not speaking in generalities about Job Corpsmen. I now have two of them working in my office as part of their training. *Mark Newbury*
Fred Gross

↳ These young men have spent at least four months each in a Job Corps Conservation Center and were selected to become part of the Capital Project. These young men work six hours a day in government offices -- without any additional compensation over their regular Job Corps allowances, and without displacing any workers -- and continue their education for two hours daily.

↳ They are good workers and so are the hundreds of others who are going to work in jobs around the country.

↳ Yes, Job Corpsmen and women -- having taken that first step -- are going to climb all the way up the

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ladder until they reach their proper level in life.

I firmly believe that Job Corps and the other anti-poverty programs will do even more than provide the needed financial and educational help for those who need a chance. These programs will convince -- and they are convincing many now -- the American people and others that assistance need not simply be a dole or a handout.

Help is understanding; help is patience; help is kindness.

I am proud to serve as Chairman of the Space Council. I am proud of what our nation is doing in the field of space; but I have always felt that in a nation where we are ready to spend ~~35~~ billion dollars to put a man on the moon, there is no reason why we should not spend \$5000 to put a man on his feet right here

on earth. And that's exactly what we have been doing and will continue to do.

↳ There is no reason why a pre-school child should not have crayons and books and paper, so that he can start on the same level with other children, knowing the same things as other children.

↳ There is no reason why all young men and women should not have equal opportunities to acquire education and work skills.

↳ There is no reason why an adult without ^{current} marketable work skills should not have an opportunity to learn such skills.

↳ There is no reason why the poor in rural areas and in city slums should not have the opportunity to better themselves.

America means Human Dignity

America means opportunity

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America means Service Responsibility

✓ The War on Poverty -- as evidenced here today

by Job Corps -- has shown that such opportunities can

be made available. ✓ But the War on Poverty also has

shown that the battles cannot be won by government alone.

✓ Government on every level needs the help of business, LABOR,

and industry, the help of education, and the help of all

segments of our society.

*Thanks for Job Corps
Trainee Placement by Industry*

✓ Those of you here today are helping. Your rewards

are not great, measured in financial terms. But they

are immeasurable in terms of personal satisfaction and

the contribution to your country's well-being.

Remarks of the Vice President
Celebration of the First Anniversary of the Job Corps
March 10, 1966

It is a special pleasure for me to participate in this First Birthday party for the Job Corps. First birthdays, I am told, are very important. By the time many babies are one year old, they have started to walk, they have started to talk, and they are becoming real people.

Today, on its first birthday, I see a Job Corps which is not just walking, but running ahead -- not just talking, but shouting to the world that our Job Corpsmen have what it takes.

Of course, there have been difficult problems. There have been a few incidents. But these have been few -- very much in the minority as compared to the thousands of young men and women who made the most of their chance to "Be Somebody" -- to quote the Job Corps posters.

I feel like a proud father on this first birthday. I remember back in 1957 when I introduced in the Senate legislation to establish a Youth Conservation Corps. And I remember when it passed the Senate on two occasions, only to be blocked in the House Rules Committee. And, of course, I remember how President Johnson

and Sargent Shriver expanded the Youth Conservation Corps -- bolstered it -- and included it as one of the major ingredients in the war on poverty.

And so today there are thousands of young men getting a second chance in Job Corps Conservation Centers in all parts of the country. They are learning the value of hard work, they are learning valuable skills, and they are helping beautify America and conserve our natural resources.

We find thousands of young men and women learning basic academic subjects and job skills in our urban centers. Operated largely by private industry, these centers provide another example of partnership and cooperation between American business and the federal government.

The unique educational and training systems developed by private industry are achieving miracles in the preparation of Job Corpsmen for today's jobmarket.

I have been privileged to have a number of Job Corpsmen serve as members of my office staff. They are participating in Capital Project 44 and it is an honor, as well as a help, to have them working with me on Capitol Hill and in the Executive Office Building.

It has been an exciting and productive year -- one which met the basic expectations we held for the Job Corps -- and one which holds forth the promise of an even bigger and more festive second birthday party next year.



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