

[Introductory Remarks For documentary about
"Project Yes"]

Remarks by
Vice President Humphrey

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My fellow Americans, the need for temporary summer employment by the teenagers of our nation is a critical situation facing almost every American community. It is generally recognized that idle time, lack of funds, and a feeling of being non-productive are major contributions to the school dropout problem --- a problem which, if unchecked, will rob our country of its future leaders and skilled producers.

The film you are about to see describes the efforts of one community in combatting this problem. "Project Yes" --- a program developed in Omaha, Nebraska --- has helped to set a pace for the rest of the country. It can serve as a model for a total community approach to the solutions of this serious problem.

"Project Yes" --- the youth employment service --- combined the efforts of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the State Employment Service and the various school systems, as well as city, county, and Federal agencies into a combined, coordinated program of effective action at the local level.

I commend this program, for it is only by this kind of total community approach that this great country of ours can demonstrate the spirit of our national birth and attack effectively these kinds of problems.

Let me encourage every American, as a matter of deep, personal concern, to view this matter of assisting our youth in pursuing their education and in productively occupying their vacation hours. Consider it, if you will, not just a social responsibility that begs fulfillment, for it is that. But consider it also a unique opportunity to make a sound and necessary personal investment in the future of our nation and its free enterprise economy.

[Introductory remarks for documentary about
"Drop outs Anonymous"]

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I am happy to bring greetings to the good citizens of the San Joaquin Valley, because it is through your efforts that "Dropouts Anonymous" has been such a success.

As you may know, President Johnson has charged me with a direct responsibility for promoting youth opportunity. As a result, I have been concerned with many plans and suggestions for conserving our greatest natural resource --- our youth. "Dropouts Anonymous" is one of the best programs for doing this.

If the United States is to retain its place of world leadership, it is absolutely essential that every young American gets his full opportunity to take his place in our society. He cannot do this without the best education possible. In this complex age of exploding technology we cannot afford to let the brains and skills of a single individual go to waste.

That is why "Dropouts Anonymous" is so important and so useful. It is a volunteer grass roots effort that concentrates on the individual. Conceived and implemented as a program of people-to-people, "Dropouts Anonymous" has been directly instrumental in helping more than 800 boys and girls to stay in school. Who knows what future scientist or teacher or business leader may be among them?

Today, as Chairman of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity, I am privileged to salute KFRE for initiating "Dropouts Anonymous" and for so generously sharing it with other broadcasters across the nation. A "how-to-do-it" manual explaining the program has been mailed to all television stations in the United States. Members of the Congress have expressed great interest.

But our salute is really directed to you, the people of Fresno and the San Joaquin Valley. You responded when the call for help came from "Dropouts Anonymous," and we thank you for it.



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