

# Local Youths Praise Job Corps Program

The Job Corps, one of the programs operating under the Office of Economic Opportunity, is mostly for young men and women who are out of school and cannot find a job. Any young man or woman between the ages of 16 and 21 can apply for the Corps and youngsters in Job Corps Centers receive basic education, job training and experience to develop good work habits.

THERE ARE two kinds of Job Corps Centers where young men may go. One kind is located on public land such as National Parks and Forests where corpsmen engage in carpentry and forestry work, build roads and make trails. The other type of Center is located in or near large cities where the youths receive more specialized job training.

Young women are assigned to Job Corps Centers in or near large cities, and are trained to work in business offices, hospitals, stores, beauty shops, restaurants, nursery schools, or in other jobs that are available. They also learn to handle home and family responsibilities.

Youngsters in the Job Corps Centers are given room and board, clothing and spending money of \$30 a month. When they leave they receive \$50 for each month of satisfactory service. If a Corpsman wishes to send money home, he may send up to \$25 each month, and the Job Corps will send the same amount. In this way, the Corpsman still saves \$25 and his family gets up to \$50 for each month he is in the Job Corps.

The Las Vegas Job Corps agency has already placed 200 youths in Centers all over the United States. Of those who returned home to Las Vegas to spend the holidays with their families, John West of the VOICE personally interviewed two, James Lee, whose family home is at 1508A Smith Circle, Las Vegas, and Ron Knighton whose family resides at 3301 Civic Center Drive (Apt. 3E) North Las Vegas.

BOTH BOYS were high on the advantages of the Job Corps program... Ron Knighton who is assigned to the Urban type Center, the Lincoln Job Corps in Lincoln, Nebraska thinks that everyone should support the program and that anyone who must for any reason leave school should try the Corps. Young Knighton has been with the Job Corps for three months and is learning the Culinary Arts (meat cutting and cooking)... Ron who left Rancho High School here after finishing one half of the 10th grade, said that he "is very glad to be in the Job Corps; that it teaches you to grow up and prepares you for the world".

James Lee has been with the Job Corps seven months and is assigned to a Conservation Center at Fort Simcoe, Washington where he is learning to be a heavy equipment mechanic. He particularly likes the educational schedule. Lee said that he was dismissed from the Frank F. Garside Junior High School, and the principal signed him up for the Job Corps. James recommends the Corps as the answer for school drop-outs. He noted that there is an adjustment period to go through and that most participants will be discouraged for the first two months, but that if they'll just stick it out, they'll learn to like it, he guarantees. Young Lee stated "Once you drop out of school, the Job Corps is your last chance".



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS were these five Job Corpsmen, shown with a Counselor and Corps Specialist here (from left) James Lee, stationed at Ft. Simcoe, Washington; Job Corps Counselor, Donnie Harris; Garrey Graves, assigned to Center at Trapper Creek, Montana; Leonard Ladd, Atterbury Indiana Job Corps Center; Laymon Bob Nunnally, also assigned to Ft. Simcoe Center; Ron Knighton, Lincoln, Nebraska Center; and Edgar Gound, Job Corps Specialist for local agency... The boys, who will return to their various assigned centers throughout the U.S. today and tomorrow, told VOICE managing editor, John P. West, of their experiences in the Job Corps and how the program has benefited them. (See story)

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