

New Jersey Army Dedication [Transcript]
New Brunswick N.J.
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INTRODUCTION BY GOVERNOR RICHARD HUGHES -

I want to present my thanks to General Wilson, General Cantwell for their understanding and my thanks to you, and without further ado to introduce to you a man who is foremost in bringing this nation together and making come true again those words of our Pledge of Allegiance "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" - the Vice President of the United States.

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY -

Thank you very much Governor Hughes. You note that after that introduction the rain subsided somewhat. This very lovely first lady of New Brunswick, your Mayor, our friend, Mrs. Sheehan; the members of the Commission and particularly Mr. Cooper who yesterday I understand celebrated his 30th birthday. Ah, to be young again...So young. However, I want all to know that if he thinks that I am older than he is, I am reaching Gen. Wilson's, General Cantwell's; and my good friend, Congressman Patten who has done so much for his district and this community, an old and long-time friend, Dave Wilentz, and the others who are gathered here. It is almost impossible to remember them all, and a special thanks to our Reverend Clergy. You know, I said to your wonderful Governor, and he is everything that Congressman Patten said about him, I said to him how good it is on these civic occasions that we start our program with prayer. It does something - it brings a spirit I think of good manners, of understanding, of kindness, that often is not the case without divine admonition. And then when I heard, I believe, Mrs. Scott, sing the Star Spangled Banner - well, I love that song anyway like an unabashed, sentimental old patriot - I am not ashamed to say so. All I have to do is travel around the world - like Governor Hughes and myself - and go to some of these foreign places - see our troops - see our flag, and believe me, if the tears don't run down your face it is because you are dried up - Just plain dried up. Well, I heard this wonderful lady, very attractive lady sing the Star Spangled Banner without accompaniment, with flawless perfection..Beautiful. It is one of

the hard songs to sing, but it is the greatest song that America has. I think we ought to give her another hand. She was magnificent.

Now, I have a prepared speech here and I can see our friends out here of the press and they are wondering what I am going to do with it, and I will make a deal with them..What I have in this I mean every word of it. Maybe all too many words of it. I don't think that this audience wants to stand out here in the rain for a wholly prepared address. I will talk to you just off the cuff, cover the points that I tried to outline in these remarks. I would like to say for however the responsible press of ours, and they have a hard time with some of us public officials, I stand on what this document says and I think in respect to our audience that it might be well if I shorten it up a little bit. So you just take a look at the script. It is all there - I have said it in my heart, in my mind, and in my soul, and I am going to cover everything in as brief a way here today.

Can I just first of all congratulate the Rutgers University Colonial Guard. My, it is good to have you here. It always makes me feel good. I was here for the 300th birthday of Rutgers University in this wonderful community of New Brunswick. This great University - one of the greatest in the world. I will never forget it and it is a good day too when the City Hall of New Brunswick and the University have joined hands as they have under Mayor Pat Sheehan's leadership...Joined hands in community enterprises. I saw these young people - a group of fraternities down here fixing up this old boat - fixing it up so it could be a recreation center. And I want to commend to every fraternity in America , and let the word go from this stand today - every fraternity in America, where boys have a mighty good chance to live a mighty good life in the university..I ask them to show the example made here by these fraternities at Rutgers University Join in and help the needy - Join in and help the community - Do something for somebody else - Do not spend all of your time just in a frat party for yourselves and your dates. Go on out and have a little fun for somebody else.. make life a little better. That's what they are doing at Rutgers and I congratulate them.

Now look at that wonderful band from New Brunswick. That's a fine looking band. Now Mayor, I am going to make a suggestion...I don't know whether to say Mayor or Mayoress. Pretty Pat, that's what I am going to call her. I want to make a suggestion. I hope that the University band -

This great University, and your high school bands will not only play for their university functions and their high school functions, but when the weather permits, take those bands down into the community where the people sometimes don't get a chance to see you and don't get a chance to hear your music. You would be surprised what it will do. I did this in Washington and as General Wilson knows, I asked Secretary of Defense... Of course, I cleared it with the Commander-in-Chief first. I always do. And after I got that clearance I didn't have much trouble...But I went to the Secretary of Defense, Mr. McNamara, and I said "Bob, what about having the Marine Band, the Air Force Band, the Navy Band, the Army Band..What about having all of these bands..Coast Guard and all..instead of just playing up here on the Capitol steps as they do in Washington." I said "Let's take them out to Anacostia. Let's take them out to Southeast and Southwest. Let's take them out where the people ought to hear them. Let's make the bands of our military forces, the bands of our people in their neighborhoods,"and gee, have we had fun. We have had more music in Washington and people have been coming by the thousands. You would be surprised how much good it does and what joy it brings. Just another little idea and I hope that Rutgers University will be the first again to follow that idea and New Brunswick High School to be the first again to follow that idea. You have a good looking band.

Well, I want to compliment the "New Five" and the Commission. I think its just wonderful what you are doing here and I want to ask the people of this community to work with you public officials now. Give them a chance to do their job, and may I say a word now to everyone of the youngsters here. I like the kids..They're great. But the only way for you to have a good town is for you to make it that way, and believe me, this is your town, your city. America is not any better than the people that live in it. America is not as good, as strong as its Army, its Navy and its Air Force, its Marines or its universities. It is as strong as its people and I want the young people of New Brunswick here today to take a pledge to make this a better city, to make it a happier city, to make it a cleaner city, to find things to do here to improve this city. Make this city as pretty as your Mayor, and brother, you will have some town, that's all I have to say. And you can do it. When you see

kids that are messing things up, just say "Hey, you want to do that - go to somebody else's town. This is my town." Take care of your town. Now that's what we have been doing down in the nation's Capitol in Washington, and gee, have we had a better city this year. They've the best city that that city ever had. And you know why? Because the young people made it that way..the young folks..and it doesn't make you a sissy to do a good job. The only people that do a good job are standup men. The Marine Corp is not made up of sissies and they do a good job. The Armed Forces of this country is made up of real he-men. They do a good job. So kids, get with it...you know what I mean. O.K.?

Now this past year I have had the chance to be the Chairman of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity and it is the best job I have had as Vice President. You know, the Vice President has lots of jobs. I am Chairman of the Space Council..this puts me out of this world. I am Chairman of the Council on Oceanography..that puts me at the bottom of the sea. I am also Chairman of the President's Youth Council..coordinate all the programs of your Government that work with young people..everything, education, jobs, recreation ..to make them better. But let me be very frank with you. This Government of yours in Washington is not going to make this a better country by itself. You've got to help. And what we are doing with our Youth Council is not to run the programs even though the office of Economic Opportunity and different departments of Government help. What we are trying to do is to get you to run your own programs at the local level and this is what your Governor has done. You know that New Jersey, under Governor Hughes, was the first state in the union to launch a war on poverty under the Anti-Poverty program of this government. Governor Hughes...the first one. And I agree with everything that Congressman Patten said about him. He is the greatest and he knows what to do and has been doing it. But I say that what the Youth Council has tried to do is what you have been doing here. Take for example these portable swimming pools. They were not paid for out of government funds. Your Mayor told me that this was done by community action..people here in town that got busy. This is what we did in Washington a year ago. I went out there and raised over \$150,000 personally to get lights for our playgrounds and we got the lights. And we turned the lights on. But I must tell you something about them. We got the lights out of the old ball park that the

Senators used to have. I know why they lost so many night games now. They were not very bright. But this year we have 134 playgrounds. We have 118 of them fully illuminated. We put in many new swimming pools just like you have and I was up here to see some of the other things you have done. Soul City, your floating community center, and now here we have this National Guard Armory building that is being reactivated and made into a community center. Now this is what we want to see done all over America and I am happy that we have here with us today General Wilson who is cooperating with us all across this country to make possible these great national guard areas and armories and camps to be made available for our young people. This rain shall come and for the bald it will grow you hair, and for those of you who have not curled your hair, it will not make any difference anyway. Now I do not know..I think I spoke wrong. Let me just conclude at this note. I do not think that I can outlast the rain and I think that you have been all too patient. I want to compliment New Brunswick. I want to ask every City in New Jersey to do what you have done. I want you to look at your facilities.. look at your empty buildings..look at your unused parks, and make them available to young people. America's young people is its treasure. America's young people is its real rich resource. I want you to know that we have opened up national guard camps this year. Great camps. Camp Robinson in Arkansas; Camp Roberts out in California. We have opened up a camp up in Camp Richie in Maryland. We have done things..Things. Thousands of kids have gone to camp, some that never before went to camp. We have opened up our scout camps for boy scouts to kids that were not scouts. Down in Washington, Camp Roosevelt the oldest boy scout camp in America, took in 1700 new boys from the ghetto areas, as they call it, from the poverty areas of our cities.

Things are changing in America. Things are changing for the better, but we need to do a better job and to the businessmen of this community, I ask you to help provide parttime work for the kids in high school to stop school drop-outism. Help provide parttime work. And may I say to the school authorities, arrange your curriculum so that the kids can take parttime jobs. Let me give you a figure..for the kids that have parttime jobs as compared to those that have none, the rate of school drop-outs is ten times higher. Ten times higher.. with the kids that have no work when they are going to school. Ten times. And I tell you if you drop out of high school you will lose in your life's career \$60,000 of lost income on the average. \$60,000. Now if you have

\$60,000 to throw away, drop out of school. If you would like another \$60,000, stick with it. Get yourself an education, young people, and you of the adult group see to it that these schools are made the children's homes. See to it that they are opened up to the communities. See to it that your business community makes an extra effort. See to it that there are summer jobs. See to it that your training programs provide the skills for young people so that they can have jobs. America needs everybody. We've got too many things to do to have a few people that are not carrying their load. My job as your Vice President is, as the great Governor of this state said, to help make this nation one nation..not two..not rich and poor, but one nation..not black and white, but an American. I want to live to see the day that we refer to each other in only one way...as citizens of the United States. Not as Catholic, Protestant or Jew..not as negro or white.. but as American citizens..citizens of this country. And that is what we are trying to do to build this one wonderful nation under God because we know our inadequacies..and to build it indivisible, not divided..not torn apart..with no violence, but with understanding because you do not settle anything with violence my friends..Not a thing. All you do is destroy. America needs builders, not destroyers. America needs people that care , not people that hate. America needs brotherhood, not separatism. America needs its young people as it never needed them before, so let's help prepare them for responsibilities of citizenship. One nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all..and that means for you and you and for me and everybody, and whenever you leave anybody out, you weaken yourself. Whenever you deny the other fellow a break, you deny yourself a good life. So let's see to it that every American has his chance - Every American the chance to make something out of his life. If he cannot do it then, then at least we have tried to be of help. We want to build a country in which everyone has an opportunity. Everybody to do his best to live, to work, to make something out of himself. That's the promise of America and that's what I see happening in New Brunswick...That's why I came here. I came here to congratulate you. I came here because you are doing things. I came here because there is a young government here, a clean government here. I came here because you have a great Governor that wants to do things. I came here to congratulate you. I came here to ask you to do it even better and to

show the nation what we can do. Show them that America can be what you say it is...The home of the brave and the land of the free. Show that it is America the beautiful. You can do that and I want you to do it. Will you? Thank you very, very much.

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NOTES

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 16, 1967

Pat [unclear]
New Brunswick

Gov. [unclear]
Conrad [unclear]

Al Cooper
30th Birthday

The New 5
Documentary

THESE ARE GOOD DAYS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK,
AND I AM PLEASED TO SHARE ONE OF THEM THIS MORNING.

IT GIVES ME THE CHANCE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO
YOUR CHARMING MAYOR, YOUR PROGRESSIVE COMMISSION AND
THE CITIZENS OF THIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
DONE SO MUCH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUMMER.

LET ME GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON
WHY I AM HERE.

William [unclear]
9/16/67

LAST MARCH PRESIDENT JOHNSON ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITY. I WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THAT CABINET-LEVEL COUNCIL AND, OF ALL THE HATS I WEAR AS VICE PRESIDENT, I WEAR NONE MORE PROUDLY.

↳ OUR PURPOSE WAS STATED CLEARLY IN THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ... TO "MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH SO THAT THE FORMATIVE YEARS WILL EQUIP THEM FOR A PRODUCTIVE ROLE IN SOCIETY AND PREPARE THEM FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP."

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES. NOTHING IS MORE CHALLENGING.

↳ NEW BRUNSWICK KNOWS THAT. YOU HAVE PROVED IT BY YOUR ACTIONS THIS SUMMER.

↳ I SAW SOME OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AS I DROVE IN FROM THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING. *Newark*

↳ THE PORTABLE SWIMMING POOLS -- GIFTS FROM
THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

"SOUL CITY" -- A BASEMENT ROOM IN A PUBLIC
HOUSING PROJECT NOW GAILY PAINTED BY THE YOUNGSTERS
THEMSELVES, AND SERVING AS A YOUTH CENTER.

↳ YOUR FLOATING COMMUNITY CENTER -- A FORMER
CRUISE SHIP THAT PROVIDED SIGHT-SEEING TOURS
AROUND MANHATTAN, NOW DOCKED IN YOUR CANAL.

↳ AND NOW ... THIS CEREMONY DEDICATING THIS
DE-ACTIVATED NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY AS A CENTER FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE.

↳ IN THE YEARS AHEAD, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO CONTINUE TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW
DECISIONS WHICH WILL CALL UPON EVERY OUNCE OF THEIR
ENERGY, INTELLIGENCE AND DEDICATION. IT IS INCUMBENT
UPON THAT HALF OF THE POPULATION WHICH HAS REACHED

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE TO SEE THAT EACH ONE OF THEM IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THOSE CHALLENGES.

↳ THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS AN URGENT ONE TODAY, FOR OUR NATION FACES A GRAVE DOMESTIC CRISIS -- AND IT IS ONE THAT ESPECIALLY TOUCHES AND INVOLVES YOUNG PEOPLE.

↳ THE AVERAGE AMERICAN YOUNGSTER HAS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD, ↳ THAT MAY NOT BE AN UNMIXED BLESSING,

↳ BUT AT LEAST IT MEANS THAT HE HAS AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP HIS OWN SPECIAL CAPABILITIES, TO GET A JOB, TO TRAVEL, TO STUDY, TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES,

↳ BUT THERE ARE AT LEAST 12.5 MILLION YOUNGSTERS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO DO NOT ENJOY SUCH OPPORTUNITIES.

↳ THEY LIVE IN CROWDED SLUMS AND ATTEND INADEQUATE SCHOOLS. THEY CANNOT GET SUMMER JOBS BECAUSE THEY LACK CONNECTIONS AND SKILLS. POOR HEALTH AND INADEQUATE EDUCATION KEEP A GREAT MANY OF THEM OUT OF THE ARMED FORCES.

↳ IN OUR SOCIETY WE HAVE AN OVER-RIDING
RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL -- NOT TO TAKE
CARE OF HIM, NOT TO NURSE HIM, BUT TO BE SURE THAT
HE HAS A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL.

a chance

LET'S FACE IT -- WE HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE
MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR A GREAT MANY OF THOSE
POOR YOUNGSTERS.

↳ OUR SCHOOLS ARE USUALLY BEST IN THE BEST
NEIGHBORHOODS, NOT WHERE QUALITY EDUCATION IS NEEDED

MOST. ↳ IN MOST COMMUNITIES, RECREATION PROGRAMS,
FIELD TRIPS, THE CARE AND ATTENTION OF CIVIC GROUPS
ARE LAVISHED ON YOUNGSTERS IN PROSPEROUS NEIGHBORHOODS,
NOT IN THE SLUMS.

↳ WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN THOSE EXCELLENT EFFORTS.
BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT ^{THE YOUNGSTERS} ~~THESE~~ WHO DO NOT
NOW HAVE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES?

↳ THAT WAS THE QUESTION BEFORE US AS THIS SUMMER
BEGAN, AND THAT IS THE QUESTION BEFORE US TODAY.

↳ WE ON THE YOUTH COUNCIL STARTED OUT LAST
SPRING WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND -- TO MOBILIZE EVERY
RESOURCE WE COULD -- FEDERAL AND LOCAL, PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE, TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL JOB AND RECREATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED YOUTH OF THIS
NATION.

↳ OUR PURPOSE WAS NOT TO RUN PROGRAMS --
THAT SHOULD AND MUST BE DONE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL -- BUT
TO HELP, TO RECOMMEND, TO CUT RED TAPE, TO PASS ALONG
IDEAS THAT HAVE WORKED.

↳ WE CONTACTED 50 GOVERNORS, 25 HUNDRED MAYORS
AND CITY MANAGERS, 21 HUNDRED UNITED FUND ORGANIZATIONS,
125 NATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS, 900 THOUSAND EMPLOYERS,
35 THOUSAND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, 21 HUNDRED PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES,

OVER A THOUSAND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES, AND
THOUSANDS OF PRIVATE, CIVIC AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

IN EACH CASE THE MESSAGE ^{WAS} / THE SAME:

- FIND JOBS FOR AS MANY DISADVANTAGED
YOUNG PEOPLE AS YOU CAN;
- MAKE FULL USE OF YOUR PUBLIC FACILITIES ...
SCHOOLS, ARMORIES, MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS,
CHURCHES, FAIRGROUNDS ... TO PROVIDE
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO
WILL OTHERWISE SPEND THEIR WHOLE SUMMER ON
HOT CITY PAVEMENTS;
- CALL ON AIRLINES AND RAILROADS AND BUS
COMPANIES FOR FREE OR REDUCED FARE
TRANSPORTATION;
- TAKE YOUR BANDS, YOUR MOVIE PROJECTORS,
YOUR SPORTS EQUIPMENT OUT TO THOSE CHILDREN
IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS;

-- FIND THE EMPTY BUNKS IN YOUR CAMPS

AND FILL THEM WITH KIDS WHO NEED A BREAK.

THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN HEARTENING.

↳ FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT: OVER ONE MILLION,
300 THOUSAND NEEDY TEENAGERS, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE
HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK AND ON THE STREET, HAD JOBS
THIS SUMMER.

↳ MORE YOUNGSTERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
WHOLESOME RECREATION PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER THAN EVER
BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY. ↳ WE HAVE MORE
PLAYGROUNDS OPEN; MORE PLAYGROUNDS PROPERLY STAFFED;
MORE CAMPS; MORE SWIMMING POOLS -- THAN EVER BEFORE
IN HISTORY.

↳ OLD WAREHOUSES AND IDLE FAIRGROUNDS WERE
TURNED INTO MASS RECREATION CENTERS. ↳ CLOSED-OFF STREETS AND
BORROWED PARKING LOTS WERE MADE INTO PLAYGROUNDS -- EQUIPPED
WITH PORTABLE EQUIPMENT BY PUBLIC-MINDED BUSINESSMEN.

↳ TRUCK BEDS BECAME STAGES TO CARRY PLAYS AND
CONCERTS INTO GHETTO NEIGHBORHOODS.

↳ I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A GROUP OF NEW
BRUNSWICK CITIZENS -- THE STAFF OF THE NATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, WHICH

Boy
Scouts

IS LOCATED HERE. ↳ THEY HAVE GIVEN EXCELLENT DIRECTION
TO A PROGRAM FOR HELPING MORE INNER-CITY BOYS, MANY
OF THEM NON-SCOUTS, EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF CAMPING.

Camp
Roosevelt

↳ MANY OF THOSE SCOUT LEADERS ARE HERE TODAY, AND I
WANT TO THANK THEM PUBLICLY FOR THE FINE JOB THEY
ARE DOING.

↳ THIS SUMMER WE WERE ABLE TO BORROW MILITARY CAMPS
THAT WERE USED ONLY SIX OR EIGHT WEEKS A YEAR FOR
NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE SUMMER TRAINING AND MAKE THEM
INTO CAMPS AND RECREATION AREAS FOR YOUNGSTERS. THE
BARRACKS AND MESS HALLS AND SWIMMING POOLS AND PLAYING
FIELDS WERE ALREADY THERE WAITING TO BE USED.

Genl
Wilson

Camp Roosevelt, Camp Robinson

↳ IN ARKANSAS, SOME 13 HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS, ASSISTED BY A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, HAD A MONTH OF CAMPING AND RECREATION AT THE NATIONAL GUARD'S CAMP ROBINSON NEAR LITTLE ROCK.

↳ IN CALIFORNIA, RESPONDING TO A PROPOSAL BY THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, 48 DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GROUPS GOT TOGETHER AND PROVIDED 24 HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS WITH TWO WEEKS OF CAMPING AT THE ARMY'S CAMP ROBERTS.

↳ IN ONEIDA, NEW YORK, MEMBERS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS ARE LEARNING TO BECOME MECHANICS THROUGH TRAINING IN THE NATIONAL GUARD SHOPS.

↳ AT FORT RITCHIE, MARYLAND, A SUMMER CAMP WAS SET UP FOR MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BOYS' CLUB.

↳ MAJOR GENERAL WINSTON P. WILSON, THE NATION'S
TOP NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIAL, IS WITH US TODAY ↳ HE
AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICIALS MADE THESE PROGRAMS
POSSIBLE BY REVISING THEIR REGULATIONS TO MAKE
CO-OPERATION WITH YOUTH GROUPS A MATTER OF GOVERNMENT
POLICY. ↳ THE ONLY RESTRICTION IS THAT THE USE OF
MILITARY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT MUST NOT INTERFERE
WITH THE MISSION OF MILITARY UNITS.

↳ NOW IT IS UP TO LOCAL CIVIC LEADERS --
GOVERNORS, MAYORS, COMMUNITY ACTION LEADERS -- ^{TO} /WORK
OUT THE DETAILS AND PUT THOSE FACILITIES TO USE.

↳ ALL OVER AMERICA WE FOUND THAT WE DID NOT
NEED TO BUILD ANYTHING NEW; IT WAS ALREADY THERE.

↳ THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF FACILITIES
WHICH OFFERED ~~PERFECT~~ ^{real} OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS
WERE GOING UNUSED BECAUSE NOBODY HAD THOUGHT TO USE THEM.

ALL WE NEEDED WAS THE COOPERATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS
AND THE TIME OF ^{Private} CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO HELP.

AND WE GOT IT FROM GOVERNORS, MAYORS,
CONGRESSMEN, SPORTS DIRECTORS, MILITARY OFFICIALS,
RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, CHURCHES AND PRIVATE GROUPS, ^{Business}

THIS ARMORY IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF
WHAT CAN BE DONE. IT WAS UNUSED. WHEN THE CITY OF
NEW BRUNSWICK SUGGESTED IT BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY
CENTER, STATE OFFICIALS MOVED QUICKLY. LEGAL TRANSFER
OF THE BUILDING WAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR A DOLLAR A YEAR.

YOU DID NOT WAIT UNTIL IT WAS ^{repainted} PROPERLY PAINTED
AND REMODELED; YOU OPENED IT RIGHT UP ON A CRASH BASIS
AND LET THE YOUNGSTERS BEGIN USING IT FOR THE REMAINDER
OF THE SUMMER.

NOW I UNDERSTAND CITIZENS ARE VOLUNTEERING
SUPPLIES AND LABOR TO TURN IT INTO A FINE MULTI-PURPOSE
CENTER FOR ALL SORTS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THERE ARE 25 HUNDRED ARMORIES IN THE UNITED STATES -- A FEW DEACTIVATED, MANY IN USE ONLY ONE NIGHT A WEEK OR ONE WEEKEND A MONTH. LET'S USE THEM.

*Civic
Action*

THIS IS WHAT SOME PEOPLE CALL CREATIVE FEDERALISM -- ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, A BETTER NATION, I CALL IT GOOD/^{AMERICAN}CITIZENSHIP.

THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN NEW BRUNSWICK THIS SUMMER FOR YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAS SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES IN NEW JERSEY AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY -- AN EXAMPLE WHICH OUGHT TO BE FOLLOWED.

CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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