

head of the C.C.C. is a former trades union official. His advisory council consists of the Director of the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, the Director of National Parks Service of the Department of the Interior and a representative of the War Department, which has been responsible for the organization and administration of the Camps. There is no military drill or training in the use of weapons in the camps and the projects on which they have been engaged are primarily of peacetime importance. Discipline appears to be adequate but is not overdone; it is regarded as a necessary means of training men to work and live together, and its primary emphasis is on the individual's responsibility to the group to which he belongs.

V. From the standpoint of national security, the chief value of such youth organizations may be roughly summed up under the following heads:

(a) Positive

- (i) They put a large number of young men in first rate physical shape, with better rations and better medical care than they would otherwise get, with the result that physically they are a much better potential reserve for emergency military use than the same group would be after two or three years of casual employment and relief in the cities and small towns to which they would otherwise drift.
- (ii) Membership in the C.C.C. gives the members training in surveying, road making, handling machinery and tools, driving and repairing cars, all skills which stand a soldier in good stead.

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