

Dr. SCHONNING: As you know, the National Economic Council—

Senator ROEBUCK: I just put the question. I did not expect a comprehensive answer.

The CHAIRMAN: Senator Roebuck, I think Dr. Schonning in his last statement hit upon something. There is a National Economic Council under Dr. Deutsch which is, of course, trying to deal with the exact problem you have raised.

Senator ROEBUCK: But he has not dealt with it, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: He has not had much time. Let us hope they will come up with a solution.

Senator GROSART: This argument of the *laissez-faire* economy as against the planned economy has been going on since the beginning of time, and it will never end.

The suggestion has been made, Mr. Chairman, that it would be helpful if in the national employment service the officials dealing with older people were made a separate entity apart from the general placement section. Would you agree with that, Mr. Campbell?

Mr. CAMPBELL: The National Employment Service has its special services section.

Senator GROSART: Yes, but the suggestion is that there should be special officers dealing only with the problems of the older workers.

Mr. CAMPBELL: This is purely a personal opinion, but I do not think that would help. I think we can segregate groups within the labour market better if the problem of the older worker is dealt with as part of the problem of the whole labour force. You need some special type of emphasis on each segment because of the peculiar situation of each, but they should be dealt with, as far as possible, as part of the overall problem of the utilization of manpower. Where you make groups feel that they are different, that they are apart, I do not think this is good. We like to sell the older workman on the basis that he is a good worker.

Senator GROSART: This is the very basis of the criticism that you were saying the older worker is in with the underpaid and they should be segregated. You were throwing him into that group. I am not saying that was my criticism, but that was in one of the briefs. You are in favour of separate sections.

Mr. CAMPBELL: I think it is a matter of analysis.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (*Senator Fergusson*): Are there any other questions? If not, on behalf of the committee I would like to thank Dr. Schonning, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Portugal and Mr. Douse for the excellent brief and for the comprehensive answers which have been given by the members of the delegation. We are very grateful to you and I am sure this will be of considerable help to us in preparing our final report. Thank you very much.

The committee adjourned.