

schools and colleges which are providing the youth of our State with good educations at no expense to the taxpayers.

I spoke a moment ago of the new problems which have been created by the technological changes of the past few years. Let me offer you three separate quotations from three different persons on a single topic: "Social dynamite," said one; "A terrible waste of our youth," said another; "The most dangerous social condition in America," remarked the third. They were all talking about the social and economic problems that have arisen as a result of youth leaving school untrained for occupations.

It was Abraham A. Ribicoff, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who called the situation a waste of our youth. It was Dr. James B. Conant, formerly president of Harvard University, who described it as social dynamite. And it was Arthur Goldberg, Secretary of Labor, who labeled it the most dangerous social condition in the country.

With the unemployment rate running at about 7 per cent, there is a general tendency among employers to be more particular in their hiring and to raise new barriers against the uneducated. Consider some of the economic and social consequences of such a condition. The implications stretch much further than the problem of the individual who cannot find a job. The individual and the thousands of others like him end up on welfare rolls with resultant burdens upon the taxpayers. Not only that: individuals without cash in their pockets and with time on their hands frequently run afoul of the law, and thus increase the nation's crime bill.

The answer to this problem, of course, is more training and more education. Strayer College has demonstrated both its willingness and its ability to meet the requirements of the business world and government for men and women who are highly trained and highly skilled in their fields. In so doing, it has elevated the lives of the students, it has educated and, at the same time, has performed a valuable public service.

Again, let me congratulate you for modernizing and expanding your quarters, and accept my thanks once more for inviting me to attend this significant and impressive ceremony.