

Ivy League and CCC... Do They Jell?

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Sending 15 Harvard and Dartmouth graduates to a CCC camp may be all right as far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, but Representative Engel (R., Mich.) doesn't like the idea of mixing Ivy League patricians with underprivileged youths. To him it smacks, oddly enough, of "Hitlerism."

Center of the controversy is quiet little Camp William James, nestling in the snow-covered mountains near Sharon, Vt. The college men were mixed with 35 underprivileged boys at the camp as "an experiment in the development of leadership and social consciousness."

Supporters of the experiment include Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, Dorothy Thompson and Dorothy Canfield Fisher. But far from impressing the Michigan Congressman, these names have only made him more suspicious.

The idea was first advanced by a Professor Eugene Rosenstock-Huessy, who helped establish the German work camps before he fled to this country. He explained that the

"inclusion of college graduates in CCC camps is needed to lead the educated classes back into the social framework of which they were originally a part."

An aid to Secretary Wickard, amplifying on this explanation, added that "the basic purpose is to bring youngsters who have flaming zeal for CCC work and to rub their noses in the problem. We are trying to develop leaders, not bring Phi Beta Kappas back to the soil."

To all of which Representative Engel replied:

"The CCC camps were established by Congress for unemployed boys whose families could not support them. I'm going to find out if the law has been violated by inclusion of college graduates."

Mrs. Roosevelt was inclined to dismiss the controversy. "The difference of opinion," she said, "seems to be whether you believe youngsters should be given an opportunity to serve other youngsters."

The CCC officials in charge of Camp James, said sadly: "All this publicity is going to hurt the camp."