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Introduction

The phenomenon of the "school dropout" is a product which has been forged by several converging forces during the last several decades. There was little concern in this country with dropouts before child labor laws inhibited the omnivorous industrial establishment from utilizing children and adolescents for its less skilled tasks. The youth who left school because of poverty in order to apprentice himself to an artisan, craftsman, or mechanic was doubly rewarded, by an appreciative family and by an enhanced self image. Those children who were lucky enough to get an apprenticeship were set for life once it was completed. They emerged as skilled craftsmen. Rural and urban youth were urgently needed for the innumerable unskilled and semi-skilled jobs opening up in an expanding industrial economy. These facts also applied to girls who were needed for menial jobs in textile factories, clothing manufacturing firms and as domestics. There were jobs which needed to be filled, albeit low paying ones, and most young people had little choice but to opt for work instead of for an education.

As late as the 1920's, less than 20 percent of school-aged youth had completed a high school program. In the intervening years however the development of strong unions which protected their workers from the use of lower paid youth, the greater technological advances which increased production with less manpower, the population expansion resulting from higher birth rates rather than from adult immigration, the shift of emphasis from unskilled to skilled tasks, and the enforcement of compulsory education laws have compelled youth to either submit to an extended dependent role as students or to accept one of the possible alternatives, such as low-paying employment, idleness, or delinquency. None of these are optimal and all place a youth in the category of "school dropout."

The conscience of government, industry, and the educational system has been aroused by this problem and by the consequent problems of wasted human potential and delinquency. Measures have been proposed and implemented with varying degrees of effectiveness. In an attempt to clarify the current status of these measures, IRCD has prepared five reports of selected literature included in the ERIC indexes of documents (Research in Education) which are available on microfiche.
This review and annotated bibliography is one in the series which includes:

- The School Dropout
- School Dropout Programs
- The School Dropout and the World of Work
- The Neighborhood Youth Corps
- The Job Corps

In addition to the above, the IRCD Bulletin, volume IV no. 4, September 1968 includes an appraisal of the factors contributing to the problem and a bibliography. For an extended paper on this topic see ED 021 888.

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This document is a supplement to the five previous units of this series of review papers and bibliographies on the school dropout and programs relating to the reduction of the problems of the early school leaver. Included herein are references to published books and unpublished documents presently in the ERIC-IRCD local library which are not included in Research in Education (RIE) and are therefore not available through the ERIC Document Reproduction Service (EDRS) in microfiche or hard copy.

The books selected either focus entirely on the question of the school dropout or have several chapters dealing with the dropout in the larger context of environmental deprivation. The books are in the Center and are also available from publishers or at most comprehensive libraries.

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