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DEFENSE BOOSTS TRAINING: Department of Defense is expanding skill training programs for veterans about to be discharged from service, according to Roger T. Kelley, assistant secretary of defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Kelley told ETMR reporter that between 70,000 and 75,000 servicemen are now enrolled in training at various military bases around country and abroad. Effort is being made to make training a "built-in increment" of serviceman's working day, he explained.

Number of new programs have started and others are in planning stage. More than 6,000 GI's with drug problem are receiving skill training--in auto mechanics, wood-working, metal trades, etc.--as part of rehabilitation therapy. Number of job skill centers have also been established at various bases under contract with private firms, Kelley said.

Program must be expanded since number of servicemen being reached is only small percentage of those leaving military service. Pentagon official noted that additional problem is "that it's difficult to get people (those about to be discharged) to sit down long enough to take the training."

To improve in-service race relations, Defense has established Racial Relations Institute at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. Curriculum and educational materials for seven-week course were developed by private contractors. Some 80 persons, mostly officers, are enrolled in program which is designed to train teachers in minority relations and problems. Enrollment is expected to be expanded to 200 persons during next few months, according to Curt Smothers of Pentagon's Equal Opportunity Office.

HEW's Bureau of Health Manpower Education, meanwhile, has awarded contracts totaling more than \$1 million to agencies in 38 states to strengthen counseling and placement services available to medically-trained veterans interested in civilian health careers. Contracts went to agencies taking part in Operation MEDIHC (Military Experience Directed Into Health Careers), a federally-supported program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GROWS: Office of Education has beefed up funding for environmental education. Congress appropriated \$3.5 million for purpose, but agency has tapped some 20 other funding authorities to add another \$11.4 million to total.

Education Commissioner Marland, forecasting "national strategy of environmental education" for 1970's, noted program will receive further support from state and local sources as well as from corporations, foundations and local business and industry.

Environmental education program began in 1971 with \$1.7 million authorization from Congress. Some 2,000 proposals were submitted during that year, of which 74 projects in 31 states were approved. Grants went to colleges, school systems and community groups and generally ranged between \$10,000 to \$55,000. Many were placed as "seed" grants to spur larger future projects.

Dr. Robert Gilkey, head of Office of Environmental Education, sees future grant awards placing greater focus on teacher training, setting up of regional institutes for education and training, establishing center for development of materials for citizen education and nationwide network of ecology centers. Gilkey also sees establishment of professional environmental education association.

Under Environmental Education Act, public and private nonprofit agencies, institutions and organizations are eligible for grants. For information on preparation of proposals and types of grants made, write: Environmental Education Program, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., 20202. Request these publications: Handbook on Preparing Proposals Under Environmental Education Act and The New Environmental Education Program of the U. S. Office of Education.

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PUBLISHER WINS SUIT: In first case of its kind, U.S. Court of Claims has ruled Williams and Wilkins Co., Baltimore publisher, is entitled to "reasonable and entire compensation" from National Library of Medicine, NIH, which infringed on firm's copyrights by reprinting and distributing its articles without permission.

Publisher's suit contended library made photocopies from articles in four medical journals published by Baltimore firm. In ruling, Commissioner James F. Davis noted in 63-page opinion that suit raised "long-troublesome and much-discussed issues of library photocopying of copyrighted materials and requires for resolution the 'judgment of Solomon' if not also the 'dexterity of Houdini.'"

Case is headed for appeal by NIH attorneys. Publisher was supported in suit by briefs filed by Authors League of America and Association of American Publishers. Library's stance was supported by American Library Association, Medical Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries and Association of Research Libraries.

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CALIFORNIA MIGRANT CONTRACT: Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University in Davis, Calif., has just entered into \$3.1 million contract with Department of Labor to provide training, job skills and remedial education to California migrant workers. Contract is seen as first step in program aimed at year-round employment and end to migratory life for thousands of these workers.

University is governed by Board of Trustees comprised solely of Chicanos and Indians. Under unique program, training and education will be provided to two family members instead of only one. In most cases these will be adult head of family and young adult.

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