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JOB CORPS BOGGED: Nixon's plans for Job Corps have bogged down badly. Following 1968 campaign criticism of Corps costs and results, Corps was transferred from OEO to Manpower Administration in Labor Department. Early in 1969, then Secretary of Labor George Shultz closed down 59 Job Corps centers, mostly smaller units run by National Park Service and Agriculture Department's Forest Service. At that time, Shultz pledged to have 30 new urban residential and nonresidential centers in operation by end of fiscal 1970.

Thus far, five urban centers with total enrollment of 1,525 have been placed in operation and partially residential center with capacity of 275 is scheduled to begin operation in Washington, D. C. by end of June. Contracts have also been signed for partially residential centers with capacity of 200 in Cincinnati and 250 in El Paso, and for nonresidential center with capacity of 25 in San Francisco. Contracts for 250 enrollee center for New York and for similar size center in Detroit are expected to be let by end of fiscal 1970 on June 30.

Job Corps enrollment is down from peak of 40,000 to about half that number in 53 installations. Manpower Administration attributes slow going to high costs and community opposition to centers placed outside inner-city ghettos. It has also been learned private firms are less eager to operate centers and that number of bidders is down.

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AVIATION EDUCATION URGED: Office of Education and Federal Aviation Administration, in joint statement, urged nation's public schools and postsecondary institutions "to develop and expand vocational programs in aviation occupations."

FAA spokesman noted aerospace industry is now largest single employer in nation, and that 35,000 air traffic controllers alone will be needed by industry during next 10 years. Agency has invited number of schools to take part in new Experimental Aviation Technology

Project, which includes classroom study and on-job instruction at FAA air traffic facilities.

Agency sees need for training packages in aviation technology fields. Interested schools should contact FAA regional directors and area managers for information. Government now supports variety of student financial aid--much of it available to aviation trainees. Under Vocational Education Amendments of 1968, student may be financially assisted through cooperative vocational education or work-study programs while working in aviation field he is studying. Or student may be eligible for loan under National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act.

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HEALTH TRAINING URGED: Move is under way in Senate to expand education-training in allied health field. Effort is focused in bill, Health Training Improvement Act of 1970 (S.3586), introduced by Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (D., Tex.), chairman of Senate Health subcommittee.

At hearing on measure, Senator pointed out nation now has shortage of about 150,000 allied health professionals while projections "indicate that these shortages will be greater in 1975 than they are now, and the trend is expected to continue to 1980, when there is expected to be a shortage of 180,000." He added most serious shortages will be in dental allied field, 95,000, and for environmental aides, 20,000.

Measure, which would improve training programs for personnel in allied health professions, would provide programs of grants for construction and for improving curriculum, training and retraining. Grants would also be established for development of new training programs and for developing special programs for veterans with prior experience in allied health fields.

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PUBLIC SECTOR TRAINING: New program to train disadvantaged unemployed and underemployed in public agencies receiving grants-in-aid from Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has been established at HEW.

Program is known as Public Service Careers (PSC) and will be administered by HEW in cooperation with Manpower Administration of Labor Department. Some \$8 million has been made available for program.

New program will provide career advancement opportunities for public sector workers as well as upgrading opportunities for those who need additional job skills for advancement, according to James Farmer, HEW Assistant Secretary for Administration. He said program will focus on disadvantaged and handicapped.

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