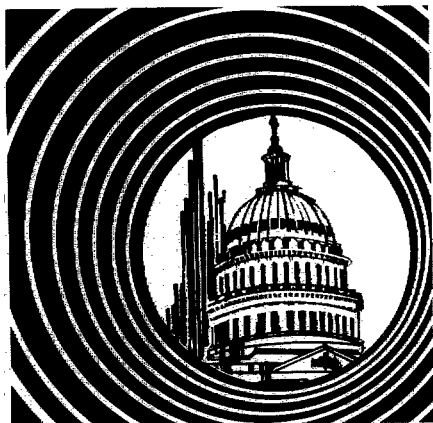


# WASHINGTON REPORT

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**MANPOWER REPORT AVAILABLE:** First Manpower Report of Administration has been transmitted to Congress. Report indicates directions taken by Administration and includes analysis of proposed Manpower Training Act of Administration. Of special interest, report includes a "Guide to Federally Assisted Manpower Training and Support Programs."

Report is divided into seven sections: Manpower and Economic Policy; Employment and Unemployment Record; New Developments in Manpower; Toward Equal Employment Opportunity; Employment and Poverty; Income Maintenance and Work Incentives; Manpower Demand and Supply in Professional Occupations.

Report stresses JOBS program of National Alliance of Businessmen as "a major goal of Federal Manpower Policy." It claims that of 380,000 disadvantaged hired through JOBS, some 200,000 were still on jobs as of January 1970.

Findings of report may be challenged before Senate antipoverty subcommittee. Study by General Accounting Office of 8,000 trainees shows only 37 percent still on jobs. Some \$300 million was committed for JOBS program--which includes federal subsidy for basic education, on-job training and other services--but only \$110 million reportedly was committed. Secretary of Labor George Shultz is asking \$375 million for fiscal 1971.

Manpower Report sees much of program difficulties arising from administrative problems. Proposed Manpower Training Act of Administration would, in effect, turn funds over to states which, in turn, would funnel major share to local governments. Federal assistance would be primarily in form of technical aid, guidelines, review and approval of state plans, and evaluation of state and area manpower performance.

Meanwhile, it is learned manpower research and experimental programs are to be combined in an office of Manpower Research and Development. Howard Rosen, former director of research, will head new office. Seymour Brandywine, who formerly headed national projects (experimental) group, will be associate director.

Copies of Manpower Report of the President may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 at \$2.50 per copy.

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**ADULT ACT AMENDED:** President Nixon has signed into law amendments to Adult Education Act permitting expenditure of funds to prepare undereducated adults for GED (general equivalency diploma). Funds previously were allocated only to adult basic education although money had been used locally in some cases for GED preparation.

Spokesman at OE's Bureau of Adult, Vocation and Library Services report fiscal 1970 appropriation of \$50 million will be fully committed when year ends June 30. Of current appropriation, \$40 million will have gone for local adult basic programs under 40 approved state plans; \$8 million will have gone into special demonstrations and remaining \$2 million will have been committed for teacher training.

Bureau is seeking \$55 million for fiscal 1971, and will probably receive funds on this order. In fiscal 1969 some \$45 million was appropriated and committed for program.

Despite new amendment, almost all available money will continue to flow into basic education because of need and rising demand for literacy training. While Congress placed no limit upon use of available funds for GED, OE at most is expected to allocate only small percentage for high school equivalency preparation.

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**TRAINING PROPOSAL SOUGHT:** Labor Department is letting contract for development and conduct of staff training program for selected personnel in a Comprehensive Manpower Agency Conceptual Model.

Comprehensive Manpower Agency is sought to assure delivery of manpower services to poverty-oriented programs such as CEP, WIN, Job Corps, NYC, MDTA, NAB-JOBS. According to proposal request:

"A conceptual approach to the redesign of the employment service as a Comprehensive Manpower Agency has been developed and substantive changes will be required in organization, systems design, and operating methods and techniques."

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