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EDUCATION CUTS BLASTED: Proposed cuts of Nixon Administration in Office of Education programs have been blasted in both House of Representatives and Senate.

On House side, Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D.,N.J.), in recent appearance before House Appropriations Committee, expressed great concern at proposed cuts of \$500 million at time when school enrollments are rising at two percent annually and college enrollments by eight percent. Rep. Thompson asserted he fears "that if we short-change our educational needs at this point in our history, we will pay for it many times over in the future." And, in another House setting, Rep. James J. Howard (D.,N.J.) pointed out that cut represents cost "of fighting the war in Vietnam for five days." Thompson's opposition is important because of membership of House Education and Labor Committee.

On Senate side, bipartisan opposition to cuts was sharp as Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Finch testified on extension and consolidation of programs contained in Elementary and Secondary Education Act before Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. Sharp criticism of cuts came from Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D.,Tex.), committee chairman; Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D.,Minn.) Sen. Richard F. Schweiker (R.,Pa.) and Sen. Jacob Javits (R.,N.Y.), ranking GOP member.

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PEET LEAVES MANPOWER: J. Nicholas Peet, only recently named Manpower Administrator in Labor Department, has returned to Oregon to head state social programs. While no reason was given, Peet reportedly left because of lack of authority in job and policy battle over reorganization and consolidation of manpower programs. Peet is first major casualty in Nixon Administration.

Labor Secretary George Shultz is advocating channeling all manpower funds through state employment services, and has so proposed to President Nixon who has not yet acted. At issue is whether state or local governments will control federally-funded training programs.

President Nixon has asked two-year extension of Office of Economic Opportunity and newly approved director, Donald Rumsfeld, has taken

charge. Rumsfeld has become staunch defender of agency and has stated he plans to revive it as innovative force in broad range of domestic programs. Rumsfeld looks for new role for community action in bringing pressures for institutional change without direct confrontation with local power structures.

William P. Kelly Jr., Job Corps director since 1967, will leave post when agency goes to Labor Department as part of Manpower Administration. William Mirengoff, deputy associate manpower administrator, will become Job Corps acting director.

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BUREAU OF RESEARCH SHIFT: Dr. Norman Boyan, Associate Commissioner of Education for Research, has left post at Office of Education to become Dean of College of Education at University of California. Resignation makes proposed changes for Bureau of Research imminent.

Plan of Administration calls for shifting components of Bureau, which has \$100 million annual budget, back to parent groups. Research related to higher education, for example, would be given back to Bureau of Higher Education. Vocational research would go to Bureau of Adult and Vocational Education.

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LTV CLAIMS SUCCESS: LTV Aerospace Corporation claims outstanding success in federally-funded manpower program completed in 1967-68. Program brought some 2,184 men, women and children, mostly Mexican-Americans, from lower Rio Grande border area to Dallas. Family breadwinners were trained in on-the-job settings in LTV plants.

Federal funding for program, including on-the-job training allowance to company and transportation, was \$820,800. According to LTV, former unemployed and underemployed workers paid federal taxes of \$624,087 during first three months of 1969, plus unspecified state and local taxes.

A total of 684 men were trained in LTV sponsored program. Of these, nearly 500 are now full-time workers at company's Vought Aeronautics Division plant in Dallas where they work on military aircraft.

LTV reports its own instructors did actual teaching, and that it invested \$300 of its own funds in each trainee above costs repaid by federal government. Company has reported retention rate of trainees on jobs of 72 percent, and that many of those who left hold other jobs in training-related areas.

Of 491 employes remaining on jobs, 347 have advanced in grade, 35 are at top hourly rates and six have been promoted to leadman. One trainee now is salaried and six others have transferred elsewhere within LTV.

Raytheon Co., meanwhile, has announced it has received federal grant of \$745,462 under MA-4 program (JOBS) to train 162 persons in drafting, clerical and key punch skills. Training of unemployed and underemployed persons will take place in cycles over two years at special training center established by company last year in Boston.

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