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MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZED: As reported earlier by ETMR (3/14), reorganization of Manpower Administration in Department of Labor entails separation of Manpower Administrator and Assistant Director of Labor for Manpower.

Reorganization, effective March 17 in Washington and March 24 in field, is along lines proposed by former Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz who ran into opposition from several Governors and Johnson Administration. Incumbent Secretary Shultz had full support of White House and opposition of states faded away.

Shultz said reorganization of Administration followed study showing that "major changes were necessary to enhance and strengthen total activity." Administration will be headed by Assistant Secretary who will be responsible for policy matters. Day-by-day administration will come under Manpower Administrator.

Reorganization will involve consolidation of field functions of phased out Bureau of Employment Security and Bureau of Work Training now combined into U. S. Training and Employment Service. Unemployment compensation activities are separated into new Unemployment Insurance Service. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training will remain unchanged and be responsible only for apprenticeship activity.

Direct line of authority is established from Manpower Administrator to eight regional offices and Office of Manpower Administrator for District of Columbia. Regional offices will be responsible for administering full range of manpower services, including development and execution of training contracts to meet needs of states, local communities and other client groups. National projects will be administered from separate office within headquarters of U. S. Training and Employment Service.

MANPOWER PROGRAMS SPELLED OUT: Federal manpower programs--what they are and how much money is being spent on each--are spelled out by Rep. Robert H. Michel, Illinois Republican, in March 27 issue of Congressional Record (H 2331-35).

Statement points out that federal government has allotted more than \$2.5 billion for manpower programs for fiscal 1970. This sum does not include money to be spent by Veterans Administration on behalf of former servicemen. Actual spending, according to Michel, will probably go higher when money spent on retraining and unemployed is included.

Summary of 118 programs administered by the U. S. Office of Education was carried in March 18 Congressional Record by Rep. Harold Collier, Illinois Republican. List is entitled "Where the Money Is-- American Education's Annual Guide of Office of Education Programs" (pages E2156-58). It names program, describes purpose, tells who may apply for funds, then cites total funds in program.

JAVITS ADULT BILL: Senator Jacob Javits, New York Republican, has introduced bill extending provisions of Adult Education Act, now limited to adult functional illiterates. Javits described his bill as instrument to assist nation's 1,000,000 annual high school drop-outs and 56 million adults without diplomas to complete high school education.

Javits measure would extend provisions of law to include education through 12th grade, instead of eighth as at present. It would lower eligibility for education assistance from 18 to 16 years. It would establish state adult education advisory councils to aid in development and evaluation of local programs.

Proposed measure would authorize \$300 million for fiscal 1970, \$350 million for fiscal 1971, and \$400 million for following three fiscal years. Under proposed act, federal government would pay 90 percent and states would pay remaining 10 percent.

While measure has small chance of enactment in current Congress, it is endorsed by National Association for Public School Adult Education. It is expected that measure will continue to be proposed in Congress until broader adult bill is enacted. This year Congress is being asked to approve \$40 million for adult basic education, about same as for fiscal 1969.

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