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BIBLE-CANNON WASHINGTON REPORT Operation Independence Granted Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Allocation of thousands of dollars for economic programs in Nevada has been announced by Senators Alan Bible and Howard W. Cannon.

Sen. Cannon revealed that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has approved a funding grant for Operation Independence, the West Las Vegas "self-help" project, and a phase-out of the project's relationship with the Reno-based Nevada Tuberculosis and Health Assn. over a period of one year.

Also announced this week was a \$25,984 grant to retrain unemployed Southern Nevadans as hotel and restaurant cooks. This followed announcement of a \$33,534 grant to finance parttime employment of University of Nevada students from low-income families:

The Labor Dept. told Cannon that the cooktraining course is the first of its kind to be offered under the Manpower Development and Training Act. It will be conducted by the adult education division of the Clark County School District.

The student grant is authorized under the college work-study program of the Economic Opportunity Act.

Bible and Cannon said the purpose of the program is to stimulate and promote part-time employment of university students who need extra money to pursue their education.

Participating educational institutions will provide students with on-campus jobs such as dormitory and plant maintenance, food service and clerical work. Off-campus employment, Bible and Cannon said, is authorized under terms of the grant if conducted in cooperation with public or non-profit organizations. Jobs in this category would include tutors, youth workers, recreation leaders and community service aides.

The senators stated that no student may be employed for more than 15 hours a week during the school year. It is estimated that average earnings of an undergraduate during the first year of the program will be about \$500. Graduate students are also eligible for participation, Bible and Cannon said.

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THE DEPARTMENT of Health, Education and Welfare has requested \$34.6 million, an increase of \$2.4 million over fiscal year 1965, for Nevada programs and activities. Sen. Howard W. Cannon said \$22.7 million is estimated for old-age, survivors and disability insurance benefit payments under the Social Security Administration; \$5.1 million for programs of the U.S. Office of Education; \$3.9 million for Welfare Administration services, and \$2.2 million for the Public Health Service.

The U.S. Office of Education has earmarked \$2.2 million for 13 Nevada school districts overburdened by attendance of children of federal employes and another \$839,000 for classroom construction in those districts.

More than \$600,000 is programmed for higher education construction funds, and \$571,409 is requested for vocational education programs. Library services and construction funds are

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pegged at \$251,000, while \$397,000 in the HEW budget is set aside for National Defense Education Act which includes loans to college students, \$193,000; guidance and counseling grants, \$50,000; grants for equipment and minor remodeling, \$50,000, and loans to private nonprofit schools, \$7,100.

Cannon said the \$2.2 million request for the Public Health Service includes \$1.6 million for grants for hospital construction, mental retardation facilities, community mental health centers and waste treatment works.

Another \$293,600 is being asked for matching grants for cancer and tuberculosis control, radiological health, heart disease control and water supply and pollution control. Cannon said the PHS also has requested \$120,000 for construction of Indian health facilities.

The \$3.9 million Welfare Administration request includes old-age assistance, \$1.8 million; aid to dependent children, \$1.6 million; maternal and child health services, \$157,000; cripple children's services, \$154,000; aid to the blind, \$125,000; and child welfare services, \$119,000.

Cannon said \$428,000 is being sought for Nevada educational television facilities. There was no expenditure in Nevada for that program last year.



LIGHT ON SUBJECT--Director of Public Works Richard Sauer explains "whys and wherefores" of proposed Street Lighting Assessment District 447 at recent meeting at Zion Methodist Church. Seated left is meeting chairman J. Q. Hall. Public hearing on proposal is scheduled for Las Vegas City Hall between 6 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7.



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