



**ACTION DELAYED**—Senate members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy have put off action on President Kennedy's nomination of John G. Palfrey, left, and James T. Ramey to be members of the Atomic Energy Commission. The decision to delay action came after a brief public hearing at which the two appointees, both veterans in the comparatively new field of atomic energy, appeared. (UPI)

**Exclusive Power Authority Sought**

Salem—(UPI)—Douglas Electric Cooperative is seeking exclusive authority to operate in areas it presently serves in Douglas, Lane and Curry counties.

In a request to the public utility commissioner, the coop also asks for exclusive rights in two areas of Lane and Douglas counties that presently are unserved by any electric utility.

Largest communities within the coop's service area are Scottsburg, Yoncalla and Elkton.

The application excludes the city of Drain which has its own municipal electric system.

The coop is the ninth of federally financed electric cooperatives to apply for certification of serving areas under the law passed in 1961.

**Vancouver Plans Bond Issue for City Hall**

Vancouver, Wash.—(UPI)—The Vancouver City Council announced Tuesday it will put a bond issue for a new city hall on the November ballot. The hall would cost some \$1.5 million.



**Your Money's Worth**

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**PHONY TRADE SCHOOL RACKET REVIVES**

The first faint signs are emerging of the revival of another despicable consumer racket in the U.S.—this one involving phony trade schools cashing in on the widespread publicity about the need for retraining our unemployed and the eagerness of both young uneducated and older displaced workers to learn skills to fit them for jobs.

All consumer swindles are revolting and one reason is that they hit hardest at the ignorant and poor, those least able to afford to lose the money and time. This racket deserves the description.

It thrived mightily after World War II when under the GI Bill, armies of veterans flocked to private trade schools to get training for jobs. It was cleaned up after several major scandals and now the National Council of Home Study Schools in Washington helps with self-policing of its members. But the threat of a rebirth of the racket is inherent in the passage of the historic Manpower Training Act of 1962, under which the U. S. Government will start spending \$435 million over a three-year period to train the unemployed for jobs which surveys will indicate are available (will start spending the funds and getting the program off the ground, that is, as soon as Congress votes the money ordered for the program).

So far, the problem is not "great," says Tom Roberts of the Association of Better Business Bureaus. It's mainly in the home study area and in pulp magazine ads which get kids to subscribe for courses for which they are not qualified or which promise unrealistic job results.

But Roberts adds that when the "talk about retraining" under the new law becomes action, the racket will may spread and there are enough isolated cases of frauds turning up now to flash a warning to government officials in charge of the law to put in safeguards from the start.

In New York, for instance, Attorney General Lefkowitz already calls the schools "a major consumer racket," is checking "electronic data processing" schools which promise \$20,000-a-year jobs to graduates.

In Chicago, Mrs. Pauline A. Landenslager, school division head of the Chicago Better Business Bureau, says "the biggest offense is in practical nursing." While licenses can be obtained only after the Board of Education's one-year course, some schools "graduate" nurses after a couple of months. The "graduates" then find they can get jobs only as nurses' aides, for which they could have been trained free by the Red Cross. Charm schools which offer airline hostess training to girls who could not possibly qualify for the hostess jobs are a nagging swindle too.

In California and Ohio recently, authorities also have cracked down on private trade schools deliberately misleading applicants into paying for inadequate training or for training for non-existent jobs.

The plain fact is that although some states effectively regulate private schools, others do not. What, then, are safeguards the U. S. government is proposing to help states evaluate private trade schools before they become part of the Federal Manpower Training Program?

The schools will have to submit documentary proof of their accreditation status to an appropriate state body (The State Employment Security Agencies and the State Boards for Vocational Education will be in charge of the program, a built-in protection in itself). They'll have to submit proof of their job placement records to indicate the value of their training courses. Their teachers will have to meet state standards, meaning no so-called expert can be pulled in to "teach." Their courses will have to be passed by state education boards—and most importantly, measured against knowledge of what skills are required for specific jobs found to be available. They'll have to open to inspection by state experts their facilities and financial records.

The safeguards being prepared appear reassuring but still the danger that the Manpower Act will spur the phonies into action is clear.

Even though the vast majority of private trade schools are entirely legitimate, it's only common sense to check any school with a state regulatory or policing agency before you sign up for training.

When and as the manpower training program gets under way, it's only common sense to go to your State Employment office, find out if you're eligible and for what benefits, then be guided from there.

It's bad enough to be jobless. To be jobless and then swindled is compounding misery.

**Units Take 7,701 X-Rays in County**

A total of 7,701 chest X-rays was taken in Jackson County during the month of June by the mobile X-ray units.

The units are financed in a three way operation. The units and technicians are financed by the Oregon State Board of Health which is tax supported. The Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association furnished all educational materials, worked out schedule arrangements, recruited volunteer workers and furnished help in securing locations for the units. The Health department is carrying all the follow up program. Another report will be published when pathology is completed.

Through meetings in the winter and early spring the JCTHA decided it advisable that a mobile chest X-ray unit visit the county. Through a request to the Jackson County Health department for such a program, the Oregon State Board of Health agreed to send units to Jackson county and sent personnel to help with planning.

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