

Oregon Said Making Only Modest Use of Retraining Program

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Washington (Special) — Oregon has made only modest use of the Kennedy Administration's manpower retraining program in its first year of operation. The program, authorized by Congress last summer to retrain unemployed persons for needed job skills, has placed 25,500 persons thus far in 800 training programs in virtually all the states at a cost of over \$13 million.

Oregon thus far has received approval of three training programs involving a total of 215 persons, according to reports issued by the Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

One program involved training 129 forester aides. This is being handled by Eugene Technical - Vocational School, Eugene; Central Oregon college, Bend; Clatsop college, Astoria; Blue Mountain Community college, Pendleton; and South Western Oregon college, North Bend. Each school is taking 25 trainees. Estimated maintenance and operational cost of this program is \$142,337 and the capital outlay \$48,954.

The second project was assigned to Grants Pass School District for training 50 electronics assemblers at an estimated cost of \$3,027. Must Learn Secret.

The third program was to train 40 "formal waiters" in Portland at a cost of \$5,000. A spokesman for HEW explained that this designation referred to waiters who are employed in the higher class restaurants and must learn the trade secrets associated with use of white linens, wine glasses and the works.

"Anyone may be able to sling hash," the spokesman added, "but we've had quite a demand for trained waiters, especially in the islands (Hawaii and Puerto Rico) where tourist trade is heavy."

The length of training courses varies from three weeks to a year, depending on the difficulty of the new skill being taught. The average course lasts 25 weeks.

Creation of a retraining program is based on requests from the states which are approved by federal officials. Under the Manpower Development and Training act, it works like this:

The state director of employment security surveys the local labor market to see what jobs are open for trained workers, or in which there is a reasonable expectation of jobs being available for newly trained workers. He then screens and tests applicants for a program and asks the state director of vocational education to set up a training program in a nearby school.

State Power Rights Claimed Too Strong

Salem — Private power officials say a section on state power rights in a proposed new constitution is too strong.

John Y. Lansing of Pacific Power and Light Co. testified before the House and Senate Committees on Constitutional Revision. He asked for restoration of the terms of the power section in the present state constitution.

Lansing said the present constitution sets out the state's rights involving "water" power. But he said the new constitution would give the state the right to control, use, distribute and sell electric energy produced "by any method."

Lansing said those words could authorize the state to go into the nuclear power business. He said votes over the years have indicated the people don't want the section broadened in that fashion.

Portland Students Request Equality

Portland — Students at Portland State College Tuesday night confronted a legislative subcommittee with a petition signed by half the college's students asking for "equality in education."

Senior Peter Jensen, Portland, presented the petition to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education which visited the school and the University of Oregon Medical School.

The students said they believe the legislature is planning to cut back PSC's operating budget and raise student fees. Jensen termed PSC's funds a "poverty budget."

"Students do not mind paying a fair tuition. But they do not want to pay big college fees for small college benefits," Jensen said.

The state then notifies the U.S. Office of Education, which sends out its representative to the state capital to check out the plan. His approval is all that is needed.

Limited To Counties

A similar program under

the Area Redevelopment Administration requires applications for training courses to be sent to Washington, where they are processed and decided on. This agency's programs are limited to counties which have been designated

as distressed areas. The Grants Pass project is in this category. Projects approved in other states reveal a wide variety of occupations, from white collar jobs as typists, stenographers and accounting clerks,

to industrial jobs such as welders, electricians and operators of various machines. Maine is training men for various skills needed in its shoe industry. Michigan is training men for the auto industry, and California is

training hundreds of workers for everything from salesmen and vine pruners to fry cooks and sewing machine operators.

The other Northwest states, like Oregon, have made little use of the program to date.

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Portland — UPB — The National Labor Relations board has petitioned Federal Court for a temporary injunction seeking to halt picketing by Teamsters Local 324, Salem, of grocery stores in the Salem and Lebanon areas.

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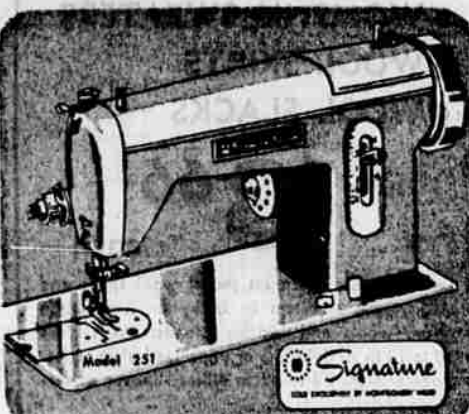
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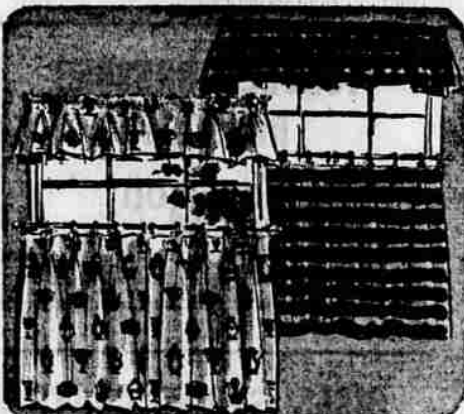


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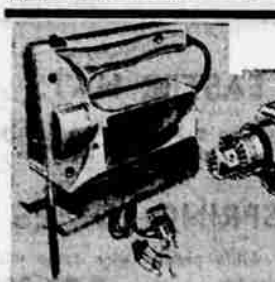
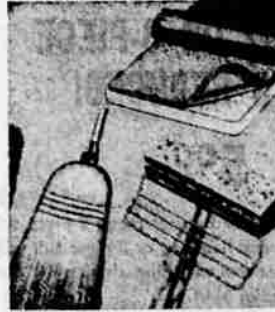
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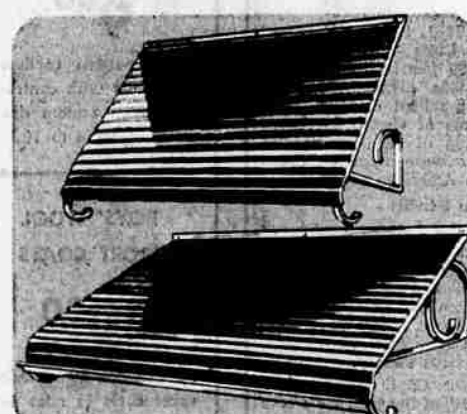


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