

Poland Spring To Get Big Job Corps Center

By DONALD R. LARRABEE
WASHINGTON — A 18.3 million Job Corps training center will be established at Poland Spring next April for some 1,000 women between 16 and 21.

The facility will be run by a subsidiary of the Avco Corp., an electronics firm, under a one-year contract, according to an announcement Thursday by Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

He said the agreement allows for a four-year renewal when the original pact expires. He also said Economics Systems

Corp. will operate the center in cooperation with the University of Maine.

Otis E. Singletary, director of the Job Corps, said the Poland Spring center will be larger than any of the seven facilities previously set up for this portion of the anti-poverty war.

Most of the facilities at the famed resort area are included in the leasing agreement. The older Poland Spring and Mansion House will undergo extensive rehabilitation as part of the first-year contract.

The Avco plans, which were accepted in almost every detail, call for using the various

adjacent facilities such as the Lake Front Beach Club, the greenhouse, swimming pool chapel, library and art museum, and the laundry building.

The annex to the Mansion House will be used as a dispensary. The new Poland Spring Inn will be used as a living area, and will not require a vacation, according to officials.

The Poland Spring plan is subject to Gov. John H. Reed's approval. The governor said Thursday it will "definitely accept the proposal."

"I am convinced our people will be very receptive to this news," he said, inasmuch

as the project was thoroughly studied by state and local officials.

Basic idea of the Job Corps is to make disadvantaged youngsters employable through elementary training.

Girls enrolled at the center will receive basic education, work-skill training and instruction in home and family life, a Job Corps spokesman said.

The university's participation primarily will be in staff training, research and evaluation, he explained.

Work training for the girls will center on clerical, retail and community and health services, food and personal

service fields.

Economics Systems Corp.'s contract will become effective on the date it is formally signed by Shriver, an action which must follow the official approval from Gov. Reed.

The Avco Corp. was the third largest producer of war materials during World War II and later broadened its activities into the field of research, according to the Job Corps spokesman.

He said the firm has been active in manpower retraining projects of the federal government and has enjoyed "unique success" in these efforts.

Being retained by the present

owners and not included in the Avco Job Corps lease are the famous Poland Spring Water and plant, a golf course and ski area and the television and post office facilities in the Hittcar Inn.

The remainder of the Inn is to be used as an administration office and as a recreation and counseling area.

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie called the Shriver announcement "an important step forward for Maine." He added, "the center will mean a future of promise for scores of disadvantaged young women from Maine and the nation."

He also stated, "the center

gives Maine the chance to become a leader in the national effort to provide all Americans the opportunity to contribute and benefit from America's bounty."

Rep. William D. Hathaway said, "hundreds of American girls will receive valuable training there and the center will contribute materially to Maine's economy."

The Poland Spring center, Hathaway said, will offer "a fresh opportunity for a meaningful and rewarding life" to the enrollees.

He predicted, "Maine will move into the forefront of our nation's war on poverty."

U.S. Proposes Nonaligned So. Viet Nam

Rusk Outlines Peace Aims



Warsaw Departure

U.S. Ambassador-at-large W. Averell Harriman, center, is flanked by Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Joseph Wlenciwic, right, and U.S. Ambassador John A. Gronowski at Warsaw Airport Thursday.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Thursday the United States would accept a "nonaligned" South Viet Nam provided it could be kept safe from Communist aggression.

Rusk also declared that if anyone doubted the sincerity of the United States for peace in Viet Nam, "let them turn up at Geneva tomorrow" for peace talks.

"I'll be there," he added. "Just let them be there. If anyone doubts the bona fides of the American interest in negotiation, let them come to the table and find out."

Rusk also gave a point-by-point listing of the U.S. position on a peace settlement.

The same points have been made privately by administration officials in Washington for several days and were believed to be also carried by roving Ambassador Averell Harriman, United Nations delegate Arthur J. Goldberg, and White House aide McGeorge Bundy on their current peace missions abroad.

Rusk's remarks were contained in a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television interview which had been prefilmed on Dec. 23.

On the subject of a neutral South Viet Nam Rusk declared: "We're not out looking for more allies. We have quite enough, thank you, for the moment. We have over 40. They can be nonaligned. The problem is, can they be safe from aggression?"

Rusk said Communist China must understand "that we have a commitment in South Viet Nam. We shall make good on that commitment and we would hope that they would change their policy and throw themselves in support of peace instead of preaching a doctrine of militancy."

Officials were on the move on a broad front. It was disclosed here that Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor and Air Force Secretary Harold Brown were leaving immediately on a trip to Viet Nam.

So was David E. Bell, the U.S. foreign aid director, who is said to be headed for a look at U.S. economic aid programs in Viet Nam, Thailand and Laos.

Analysts which Bell undertakes in Southeast Asia leaders on the subject of peace could become part of the diplomatic exchanges now in progress.

As for Brown and Resor, President Johnson said on Dec. 23 that "other hard steps" will be taken in Viet Nam if all possible peace approaches fail.

Gen. Wallace M. Greene, the Marine Corps commandant, is leaving for Asia on Monday and will stop in Viet Nam.

Harriman and Goldberg were said to be making these points in their visits:

—The Geneva agreements of 1954 and 1962, too far from Indochina, the other for Laos, could provide an adequate basis for peace in Southeast Asia.

—The administration still is ready for "unconditional discussions."

—A ceasefire would be the first item on the agenda at a conference, or it could be worked out in advance.

—The United States is willing to discuss the "four points" that North Viet Nam insists on, which include a peace settlement "according to the program of the Viet Cong guerrillas. But the United States is not willing to agree



Rome Greeting

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg is greeted by Italian Premier Aldo Moro in Rome Thursday.

Goldberg To Sound De Gaulle On Peace

PARIS (AP) — Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg flew here Thursday night to confer with President Charles de Gaulle about moves to bring peace to Viet Nam.

Goldberg, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, came from Rome where he had delivered a special message on Viet Nam from President Johnson to Pope Paul VI. He also met with high Italian government officials to spell out the Johnson administration's position.

Hope for negotiations was dimmed by a brilliant message from President Ho Chi Minh of North Viet Nam to Pope Paul accusing U.S. leaders of seeking war instead of peace.

"The President is anxious and eager to have the Pope's views on Viet Nam," Goldberg told newsmen before taking a plane for Paris.

Goldberg said there was no intention of organizing any formal Washington-Vatican diplomatic effort for a Southeast Asian peace. But he said he was certain Washington would be told the results of any further papal initiatives.

Goldberg said he will report directly to Johnson on his hour-long visit — with Pope Paul on Wednesday.

Goldberg followed up his Vatican call with visits to President Giuseppe Saragat and Premier Aldo Moro and former foreign minister Amintore Fanfani.

Harriman To Get Tito's Nonaligned Peace Views

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — W. Averell Harriman arrived Thursday from Warsaw plans to pursue with President Tito his quest for ways to end the war in Viet Nam.

The presidential envoy will meet Friday with Tito, a leader of the nonaligned bloc that had been seeking to end the conflict. Tito has proposed a halt to the U.S. bombings of North Viet Nam as a precondition for negotiations.

Now that the U.S. bombings have stopped, Harriman will discuss with Tito what could be done for opening peace talks with North Viet Nam. It is believed here.

Yugoslavia, as a prominent nonaligned nation, could play a

certain role in influencing other countries in approaching the problem of Viet Nam.

Harriman will fly to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, and drive to Tito's retreat at Brdo Castle.

Harriman said he talked with Adam Rapacki, Polish foreign minister, to inform him of the U.S. attitude on Viet Nam, Communist meeting on his visit with Wladyslaw Gomulka, Polish party leader, Harriman said it was a courtesy call.

Brief official statements in Warsaw confirming Harriman's meetings gave only one hint of the subject. They said "at President Johnson's request" he had discussed with Rapacki Poland's role on the three-nation control commission for Indochina.

The commission is composed of Poland, India and Canada.

Harriman was a thoughtful expression as he and John A. Gronowski, the new U.S. ambassador to Warsaw, left their two-hour meeting with Gomulka and Rapacki at Communist party headquarters in downtown Warsaw.

Harriman made it clear that while in Warsaw he did not see any representative of North Viet Nam or Red China and that he does not plan to go to Moscow.

After talks with Tito he will leave Friday for home via Paris, he said. Asked whether he will have talks with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville or any other French official, he replied that no such meetings were planned.



Getting Ready

Miss Barbara Mitchell, left, of Westbrook, prepares to rejoin her classmates Monday by listening in on a direct line intercom from West-

brook High School to her home. Her older sister, Mrs. Betty Saliba, helps with the homework.

Barbara On Arduous Trip To Diploma

By WILLIAM A. LANGLEY
Staff Reporter

WESTBROOK — Miss Barbara Mitchell, 17, will return to classes at Westbrook High School Monday morning with "unbounded courage and compassion" as Joseph Addison once wrote.

Barbara lost her sight and suffered extensive brain and spinal injuries last July when her new motor scooter and an automobile collided.

She has spent the past few months in a hospital, and in exercising a valiant will to return to a life of normalcy.

SHE'S DETERMINED to finish her senior year at the local high school and recently resumed her class work via a direct line telephone system between the school and her home.

Her progress and desire have been so successful her doctor and the WHS guidance director have given their approval for her return to classes on a limited basis.

Barbara described herself as an "average student" Thursday night, but "I hope to pass all my subjects so I may graduate with my class in June."

She said she will attend classes three days a week to start, but will gradually work up to the normal five-day week.

Her parents will take her to and from school and she'll continue to receive training in walking with a cane, she said. The cane-training teacher is provided by the State of Maine.

"I've only had three lessons so far

with the cane," she said, "and I think it will be some time before I can use it correctly."

Barbara's school schedule will start at 8 a.m. with a private tutoring session in senior English with Mrs. Gwendolyn Douglas.

At 9 a.m. she will go across the hall for a regular class in problems of democracy. Although she will attend the classes, she will be tested at home in privacy.

She will move upstairs for her third and final class of the day in world history. She also will be tested at home in this subject.

She said her parents will continue to help her with her homework.

Early in the spring the state will provide an instructor to teach her the Braille system. "If I'm ready," Barbara said.

In February, she plans to add economics as her fourth subject.

SHE IS BEING HELPED on most of her studies by tape recordings provided by the state and by her history teacher. The state also supplied the tape recorder.

"I'm finding it rather difficult to learn by tape," she said, "but the cooperation by teachers and other students has been marvelous."

The former cheerleader has an older and a younger sister at home to help with the studies.

Uppermost in Barbara's mind right now is the trip down the auditorium aisle in June to receive her diploma.

Prayer For Today

I thank Thee, Lord, for the year that soon will be past. I know I have failed many times to live up to what Thou dost expect of me and what I really expect of myself. It pleases me to be fully Thy year, I pledge a greater effort through His days to seek Thy will above my own. Help me to follow through on this year's end resolution; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Homer Kaper, Ann Arbor, Mich., minister, First Methodist Church.

UM To Seek \$150,000 For Zoology Building

By CHARLES C. RUTTON
Education Reporter

ORONO — The University of Maine will ask the special session of the legislature for an extra \$150,000 for its proposed new zoology building.

"We have to go back for more funds considering what was given us in the last session, but there is no way out," Francis E. McCreedy, director of physical plant, said Thursday.

He attributed the need for the extra funds to ever-increasing construction costs.

equipment needs, and federal wage requirements.

"CONSTRUCTION costs in the educational field are up 25 per cent" since the building was designed two years ago, McCreedy added.

The 102nd Legislature appropriated \$900,000 for the zoology building out of surplus funds. Since then the proposed new building has qualified for a \$203,169 construction sub-

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To Seek \$2 Million For Pay Raises Reed To Post 17 Requests For Special Session Action

By ROBERT M. CROCKER
AUGUSTA (AP) — Gov. Reed said Thursday he will ask the legislative special session for 17 items of new legislation including more than \$2 million in emergency pay raises for state employees.

The session opens Jan. 17. The pay boost would be in addition to an average nine per cent increase taking effect next week. It would be another 10 per cent for all employees up to

and including the \$61 to \$74 a week pay range as of Jan. 1, and for some 1,500 highway maintenance employees, and five special initiatives.

Reed called the present pay scales "deplorable" in the lower grades and said some are so low that "many of the employees would be eligible for aid under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act."

Immediate action is needed, he said, if the state is to continue recruiting and holding capable employees and giving the expected degree of public service.

He proposed to have the increase placed in effect with the

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