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Legislative Report

Domestic Operations

Both houses of Congress have now approved legislation authorizing VISTA and ACTION's Service Learning Programs through September 30, 1981. On October 10, the House voted to approve this authorization 307 to 106. In June, the Senate passed similar legislation by a vote of 75 to 16. During FY 78 and 79, VISTA and the Service Learning Programs had operated under a continuing resolution - a temporary operating authority for existing programs.

Janet Watlington, assistant director for Legislative and Governmental Affairs, feels that "the size of the final votes for these authorizations indicates the tremendous broad-based support that ACTION's programs have in both houses of Congress."

The differences in the House and Senate versions of the bills were resolved in a conference committee. Thus, VISTA and the Service Learning Programs are authorized through FY 81, as well as support monies for all domestic programs, including the Older Americans Volunteer Programs. The bill will now be sent back to the floor of both houses for final passage, and then forwarded to the President for signature.

All federal programs are subject to two separate congressional actions of approval: an authorization which grants authority to an agency to operate programs, and subsequent to that authorization, the passage of an appropriations bill which determines the actual funding levels for programs.

Until the authorization legislation for VISTA and the Service Learning Programs is signed into law, Congress cannot act on legislation to appropriate funds for this fiscal year. The House version of the authorization bill calls for an FY 80 budget of \$42.4 million for VISTA, Service Learning Programs and Part C Programs, while the Senate calls for "such sums as may be necessary."

Older Americans Volunteer Programs

Last year, during the 95th Congress, the Older Americans Volunteer Programs were authorized for a three-year period under the Older Americans Act of 1964 as amended. This authorization does not expire until September 30, 1981.

Both the House and Senate have passed appropriations bills for OAVP, at a funding level of \$83.3 million. However, appropriations for OAVP programs are contained in the Labor/HEW bill, which is stalled in a conference committee over differences in the circumstances in which use of federal funds to pay for abortions will be allowed.

Peace Corps

Authorization for the Peace Corps was passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law in August by President Carter.

The Peace Corps appropriations bill has also been passed by both the House and Senate and differences in the two bills will be resolved by a conference committee in the near future.

The House version of the appropriations bill recommends an FY 80 budget of \$105 million, while the Senate proposes \$103 million. Amendments in both the House and Senate bills call for an across-the-board cut in the foreign assistance appropriations bill of between three and four percent. The House and Senate have added the identical language in the FY 80 bill to prohibit the use of Peace Corps funds for abortions.

Continuing Resolution

At present all ACTION programs are operating under a continuing resolution of appropriations that was signed by President Carter on October 12. The resolution expires on November 20, 1979.

This resolution was delayed because of a prolonged fight between the House and Senate regarding amendments for federally-funded abortions and a congressional pay raise. These issues were settled in committee 12 days after the end of FY 79. The settlement includes a 5.5 percent pay increase for members of Congress, and funding for abortions when the life of the mother is in danger and in cases of rape and incest that are promptly reported to appropriate authorities.

Editor's note: The next issue of ACTION update will carry an in-depth interview with Janet Watlington, assistant director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs.

Massachusetts Energy Program Stresses Community Approach

"I believe that one of the most effective ways to respond to the energy crisis is to mobilize volunteers at the local level to undertake a community-wide energy conservation effort," says ACTION Director Sam Brown.

Fitchburg, Mass., a town of 40,000, and fifty miles west of Boston, is one of the first cities in the United States to meet the energy problem head-on through the organized efforts of local volunteers. Through a program known as Fitchburg Action to Conserve Energy (FACE), civic leaders, local businesses, unions, Fitchburg State College, Catholic Social Services—and many other community organizations have joined together to mobilize the citizens of Fitchburg into a self-help group to undertake low-cost/no cost steps toward energy savings.

The city's Mayor, David Gilmartin, invited ACTION to help Fitchburg develop its energy program. ACTION's long-time involvement with community-based efforts that attempt to solve problems with local resources and people is ideally suited to the job that FACE is undertaking. Within ACTION the Office of Voluntary Citizen Participation is taking the lead in working with Fitchburg.

FACE's stated goal is to reduce home energy consumption by 25 percent through simple, low-cost steps that local volunteers, with a minimum of training, can perform for themselves or their neighbors.

In mid-October, seven FACE centers were set up throughout the city—in church halls, school auditoriums and community centers. Here volunteers sign up for service and receive training in simple energy conservation measures. Specifically, volunteers are trained to: lower hot water heater temperatures; caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors; clean coils on the back of refrigerators; insulate hot water heaters, tape cracks in forced hot air heating system ducts and attach flow restrictors in showers and faucets.

It is expected that the program will run through November, at which time this 25 percent reduction in energy consumption will be accomplished in homes throughout Fitchburg. An amazing feat? Perhaps. However, community response so far has



been favorable. In the coming weeks crews of trained volunteers will be working on the streets every day.

Local energy experts, who will be conducting the training sessions and will oversee the work done by volunteers expect that the simple steps outlined above will only take two hours for each residential dwelling.

ACTION hopes that the Fitchburg project will serve as a prototype for similar energy programs in other parts of the country. "We hope to prove that this type of community approach is possible in answering the worsening energy crunch—both in terms of cost and availability," says Brown. "And we want to see this kind of local action in other cities and towns in America."

For further information on Fitchburg Action to Conserve Energy contact Tammy Stanton at FTS 254-8523.

Peace Corps Surveys Energy Potential in Third World

The Peace Corps is involved in an innovative program to help the Third World rural poor meet their energy needs more efficiently.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) has provided ACTION's Office of Program and Training Coordination (OPTC) with a three-year \$1.5 million supplemental grant for the program, which involves a survey conducted by Peace Corps volunteers and host country counterparts, of energy uses, needs and potential in Third World rural villages.

The survey results will help identify areas most in need of basic energy projects. The participants are also using the results to design projects that help the poor utilize their own energy resources more efficiently.

This is the first systematic attempt to collect village level energy data on an international scale according to Paul Jankura, OPTC's energy program specialist. He says that the information collected will be critical, not only to the identification of specific projects, but also to the development of meaningful long range plans and policies.

Five Peace Corps countries – the Philippines, Micronesia, Senegal, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic—are involved in the program which began in September, 1979. The start of the Dominican Republic program has been delayed because of Hurricane David. Interested volunteers who have lived in one of the participating countries for at least eight months are working in teams with one or two host country counterparts. They will collect data on current energy uses, needs and resources in local villages and on economic, social and cultural practices associated with those needs.

Information is being collected on the following: village characteristics; available fuels in specific areas and their collection time period; domestic, agricultural and small shop energy uses; and biomass, water and wind renewable energy sources.

The survey results will identify the following: type, amount and value of fuel used for domestic, agricultural and small shop activities; villages' expressed needs and concerns for energy resources;

social and cultural practices relevant to the acceptance of new energy technology; and potential renewable energy resources in the survey area.

At the beginning of each survey, a one-week in-service workshop will orient participants to the study.

Jankura has stressed the importance of volunteer and community participation to the survey's success. "It's going to require active effort recording data over the course of a year," he said. "And a critical part of it will be the involvement of community folks who will identify what their needs are and also what projects they would be interested in experimenting with.

"Participating volunteers need to understand that in order to work, the survey demands regular input, contact and involvement with the villagers," he said. "The purpose of this first year is to polish and refine the survey. This means that we need reliable feedback from the teams.

"The survey should easily integrate with other PC rural community development activities," he continued. "It should be a tool for motivating volunteers, their counterparts and villages to participate in the community development process."

While putting actual technologies into place, the energy projects developed will produce valuable information about the application of the technologies. This information will help decide where and how to replicate the projects. Over the three-year period, volunteers and host country participants are expected to implement projects in approximately 100 villages in 15-20 countries.

The program is also developing skill training models for Peace Corps volunteers who will be assigned to full-time energy projects. These same models will also be made available to host country volunteer agencies.

The skill training systems for future Peace Corps volunteers, which the program is developing, include the following areas: construction, operation and maintenance for a specific technology; approaches for community development; and cross-cultural awareness and facility in local language.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Carmen Pratt



Less than six months ago, Carmen Pratt, a VISTA program assistant, didn't know a "T" square from a triangle. Now, she uses these tools regularly as she designs and pastes-up camera-ready copy for VISTA Currents.

Not only does she do the "artwork," she is also involved in writing articles for this technical assistance publication for VISTA volunteers and their sponsors.

"I began writing and researching articles for Currents," says Pratt. "Then, I sort of found myself doing the paste-up. The first issue I worked on I did with only a ruler, and some help from co-workers and friends."

Until recently Pratt worked with ACTION's National Center for Service Learning (NCSL) as a program clerk. "In addition to handling most of the daily administrative duties, I coordinated and answered requests that came into NCSL," explains Pratt. "I recommended what information should be sent to the high schools and universities seeking assistance in setting up student volunteer programs."

"I liked my work," says Pratt, "But, I wanted to get out of a support position and into a professional category. My supervisor, Jeanne Carney, knew I enjoyed writing. And Jeanne believes in her staff, and in letting people do what they can. She suggested I try my hand at writing an article for Currents. That's how it all started... next thing I knew I was writing and pasting-up. I love it. I'm truly in a learning, growing situation right now."

Pratt says she wants to be editor of VISTA Currents someday. "I like the idea of starting off with something small and watching it grow.

Of course, budget is a consideration, but I'd be interested in expanding Currents."

This goal is a long way from her first job with ACTION, as clerk-typist in Atlanta, Ga. in 1974. A Washington, D.C. native, Pratt decided she wanted to see another part of the country. "I was only responsible for myself, so I went down to Atlanta-cold. I had no job, but I shortly found one with ACTION, and I've been with this agency ever since."

From Atlanta she went to work in the Florida State Office in Orlando until 1976, when she applied for a job at headquarters with the NCSL (Then known as the National Student Volunteer Program-NSVP).

Jeanne Carney hired her, based on her SF-171 and a telephone interview. "Henry Jibaja, Florida State Program director, gave Carmen a good recommendation," says Carney, "but he seemed to be holding back, and I couldn't figure out why. Then when I spoke with Carmen, I realized he didn't want to lose her. Her whole personality came across on the phone. She seemed very knowledgeable and helpful. Since she would be the initial contact with anyone calling NSVP, we wanted someone with a good presence, who spoke well on the phone."

Although Pratt credits Carney in large part for her career advancement, Carney feels that, "Carmen is always ready to do more than she has to. She is willing to go that extra step to do her job well. And she's very accurate."

Pratt acknowledges she works hard... "I know it takes initiative on my part, but I don't think I would have gotten ahead this fast without good people behind me."



ACTION Commits Efforts to Refugee Assistance

In a ceremony at Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. on September 21, the Peace Corps and the United Nations signed an agreement to place qualified persons as United Nations volunteers in refugee camps in Southeast Asia. Although most of these persons will come from the ranks of former or terminating Peace Corps volunteers, this is not necessarily a prerequisite to serving. Once they join the program, however, they will serve in the capacity of United Nations volunteers and will be directly responsible to the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR).

The agreement was signed by Richard Celeste, director of the Peace Corps; Gary Perkins, representing the UNHCR; and Pete Perry, the Washington, D.C. representative for the United Nations Development Programme. The agreement provides for a modest number of qualified volunteers to be recruited by the Peace Corps and assigned to the U.N. relief efforts in Southeast Asia, where nearly 400,000 Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugees are in asylum camps in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Celeste stated that the volunteers recruited would be persons of proven abilities who possess local language competency. Ambassador Dick Clark, U.S. coordinator for refugees, who attended the signing ceremony, commented on the appropriateness of using PCVs. "Your volunteers," he

said to Celeste, "are particularly suited to the demanding task of working with refugees. After all, Peace Corps volunteers have been working under the most difficult conditions for nearly 20 years."

Celeste referred to the Peace Corps' role in this international effort as one of a stimulator, energizer and leader. Both he and ACTION Deputy Director Mary King have traveled to Southeast Asia and Europe to discuss with various governments and national volunteer programs the possibilities of working on the refugee problem. National service programs in Japan, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and Great Britain have expressed a willingness to participate in this multi-national initiative. Future discussions will be pursued with volunteer programs in New Zealand, Denmark, Sweden and France.

At the signing ceremony, Celeste announced a goal to have volunteers in the camps within 90 days. It is expected that the first group of volunteers will be drawn from terminating PCVs in the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia. Peace Corps officials have made it clear that all persons must have completed their Peace Corps tour of duty before applying for the UN program.

Volunteers will serve in the areas of training for resettlement, counseling and related assignments in camps and transit centers. They will teach English and provide vocational training and counseling as well as cross-cultural instruction. Additionally, they will help organize self-help efforts to improve water supply systems sanitation and health care in the camps

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT

Other ACTION programs are also getting involved in the refugee situation. In the wake of President Carter's promise to take in 168,000 Indo-chinese refugees over the next year, communities

all over the United States will be affected by this influx.

In response to the situation, this agency through its University Year for ACTION (UYA) program is recruiting students from three college campuses in Southern California to assist in refugee resettlement efforts. A total of 63 UYA volunteers will come from the University of California at Los Angeles, the Irvine Campus of the University of California in Orange County and a third U.C. campus in San Diego County.

The volunteers will be placed with the state-funded Indochinese Refugees Assistance Program (IRAP) in the three counties - Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego - by January 1, 1980. Volunteers will concentrate their efforts on raising the self-sufficiency of the refugees.

This UYA demonstration project is viewed by ACTION officials as a model to be used by other volunteer groups in developing their own refugee

resettlement programs in communities across the country.

In Denver, ACTION awarded a \$5,000 mini-grant to the Denver Department of Social Services in October. This money will help establish a refugee information clearinghouse.

There are currently 4,500 Vietnamese living in Denver - persons who arrived in this country during the massive exodus in 1975. The storefront clearinghouse, will be located on the west side of Denver, where 80 percent of those Vietnamese live. Among the estimated 70 community volunteers who will staff the center will be a number of Vietnamese to assist in resettling their countrymen and women as well as other Indochinese, and be the primary mechanism to bridge the language gap. They will provide interpreting services and cross-cultural training. The volunteers in general will be concerned with all aspects of resettlement, including housing, schooling and job referral.

Pete Perry, Ambassador Dick Clark, Richard Celeste, Gary Perkins



Brown Appointed Board Member of Consumer Co-op Bank



On September 21, 1979, the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Sam Brown to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, and on September 25, he was sworn in at the Board's initial meeting by Judge Margaret Haywood of the U.S. District Court.

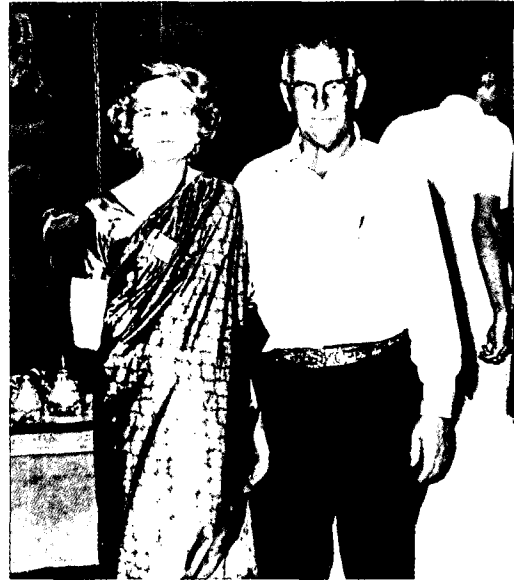
A mixed-ownership government corporation, the National Consumer Cooperative Bank's general purposes are to make loans to various types of cooperatives and to provide technical and special financial assistance to low-income cooperatives and to cooperatives with special needs.

The Bank fills a long-time need for a

financing institution dedicated to the specialized requirements of consumer-owned enterprises. A wide variety of cooperatives providing goods and services in the areas of housing, health, food, legal services and a host of other mutually beneficial enterprises will now be able to obtain the necessary financing for continuing growth and expansion. The Bank's Office of Self-Help and Technical Assistance will offer help to groups wishing to establish new cooperatives and provide technical expertise for established cooperatives.

The Bank expects to begin making loans in the Spring of 1980.

PC/VISTA Fairs Assist Recruitment Efforts



ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Get more than 150 former Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers together. Add a pinch of public relations and a bushel of fun. Blend in some community participation. Put it all in a stately old building in downtown Rochester. Stir gently with an area office and a service center and -- voilà! you have the ingredients for the first annual Rochester Peace Corps/VISTA Fair.

Among those who helped get the fair started were Rose Hayden, Peace Corps deputy director for Latin America and the Caribbean; Don Hess, former Peace Corps director and now vice president for Campus Affairs at the University of Rochester; and Wayne Judkins, New York Service Center director.

But once the fair got started, the former volunteers ran the show with more than 40 exhibits from all Peace Corps areas (Africa, Latin America and NANEAP), and projects from as far away as Arizona.

For advance publicity, Hayden and recruiters

made appearances on local television and radio stations and arranged interviews with the press.

Area Manager Tom Verhulst and Recruiter Dianne Scarborough, said they were encouraged by the enthusiasm of the nearly 300 people who attended the fair despite bad weather, the blustery aftermath of Hurricane Frederick.

Another big plus was that former volunteers got together in a relaxed atmosphere and began some serious talks about creating a former volunteer organization.

"A fair like this one is a great way for former volunteers to get together," said Verhulst. "And it's an excellent way for the community to find out about the volunteer experience and what other parts of the world are like."

"We hope," said Scarborough, "to repeat the fair in Rochester next year, and possibly hold others in Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany. I think these fairs are going to be a big help in our recruiting program."

AUSTIN, TEXAS - "If we could get them all involved, it would be like having 250 sets of legs," commented Catherine Weir as she scanned the updated list of former Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers.

As manager of the Austin Recruiting Office, Weir is well aware of the important role that former volunteers can play in recruiting.

Weir, a former Peace Corps volunteer who served in South Korea from 1971 to 1972, feels confident that the list of former volunteers who live in her recruitment area will expand in the weeks ahead.

She is giving much of that credit to about 100

former volunteers who took time to attend the first Peace Corps/VISTA Fair in Austin on Sept. 30. They will contact other former volunteers.

This past summer, Weir and her staff of recruiters began to update the computer printout that lists former volunteers. The list for her area was brought up to about 250 names before the fair.

"This office has only been open for three years. The fair was our first official function that involved former volunteers," she explained.

Weir and her staff contacted as many volunteers on the list as they could reach to let them know about the fair so that they could attend and participate.

“About a hundred volunteers showed up and we had about another 500 visitors from the community,” she said, adding that other volunteer services also set up booths at the fair co-sponsored by St. Edward’s University, Austin Community College and Huston-Tillotson University, a small black college.

At the fair on the St. Edward’s campus, the former VISTAs and PCVs set up booths that displayed artifacts of the areas in which they served. Some volunteers wore local dress of those areas. Others prepared and served exotic foods.

Weir feels that the former volunteers served well as recruiters just by being at the fair. “They showed that you can leave home to serve somewhere -- in this country or in some distant land -- and not fall off the face of the earth. You come back and you are the richer for it.”



Intergovernmental Personnel Act: Opportunities for Federal Employees

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

The MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE in Atlanta Georgia is seeking qualified and interested federal employees, under the IPA (Intergovernmental Personnel Act) Mobility Program. Among the Center’s exemplary programs are the Institute for Nonviolence, Institute for Policy Research, Scholars Internship, Communications, Reading Academy, and Pre-School Day Care. With the completion of the new education and information facility, Freedom Hall, the Center will expand its programs to include Government Affairs, Economic Development and International Affairs. This will provide a world-wide focus on peaceful social and economic change. The Center needs IPA personnel in the following areas:

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| Program Analysis | Government Affairs |
| Public Affairs | Community Development/Urban Revitalization |
| Research | International Relations |
| Proposal Writing | Budget/Accounting |
| Education | Economic Development |
| Administration | Administrative/Special Assistants |
| Personnel | |

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

The NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES in Washington, D.C. is seeking to fill the position of senior staff associate (project director). This is professional and supervisory administrative work in the planning and directing of a federally-funded project to keep local officials abreast of current urban economic development issues. Applicants should have a bachelor’s degree with major course work in economics or other social science fields. A thorough knowledge of governmental operations, systems and structure is required. The assignment lasts for 6-18 months.

For further information contact Jean Smith in M-408 or call 254-3102.

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DIRECTOR OF PC AFRICA REGION

William A. Davis, Jr. has been appointed director of the Africa region of Peace Corps. He will direct programs involving more than 2300 volunteers and trainees in 24 countries in Africa, the largest Peace Corps region. Davis, who resigned as a lawyer with the Washington, D.C. firm of Covington & Burling, has a bachelor's degree from Amherst College in Massachusetts. A 1968 graduate of Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn., Davis received a master's degree in urban studies in 1972 from Yale University.

After graduating from Amherst in 1963, Davis received a Rotary Fellowship to pursue African studies for one year at the University of Idaban in Nigeria. During his undergraduate studies, he interned at the United Nations Secretariat in 1962 and studied the foreign policies of Ghana and Nigeria as they affected the Congo crises. During the summer of 1961, Davis also participated in the Operation Crossroads Africa Program to Guinea and Senegal in West Africa.

Davis was an associate professor of law and urban studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for five years. He has also worked in domestic anti-poverty efforts as director of The Circle, Inc. and the New England Community Development Corp., two affiliated community development corporations in Boston, Mass.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, PLANNING & EVALUATION, PEACE CORPS

Jonathan Marks has been named the new counsel and associate director for planning and evaluation in Peace Corps. In this position he serves as confidential legal advisor to the Peace Corps director and staff and as chief coordinator of Peace Corps relations with General Counsel. In addition, Marks is handling matters of planning, policy development and evaluation for Peace Corps. For the past three months he had been serving as the Peace Corps director's special advisor on Peace Corps autonomy.

Marks comes to ACTION with a legal background which includes three years of private practice in Los Angeles before joining the agency

and three years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. He received his degree from Harvard Law School in 1972 where he was president of the Harvard Law Review.

As a former Peace Corps volunteer in India from 1966-68, Marks was involved in the Peace Corps' first family planning program.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, PEACE CORPS

Jennifer Froistad, newly appointed associate director for Development Education in Peace Corps, will direct a renewed effort to address the third Peace Corps goal - to bring to the United States a better understanding of the peoples of the Third World. In this capacity, she will advise on strategies to broaden public awareness and the visibility of the Peace Corps and coordinate activities linking RPCVs with the mainstream of U.S. educational, voluntary and public organizations. She will also coordinate Congressional relations.

Froistad served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand in the early 60's. Before joining ACTION, she was Senior Vice President of AFS International/Intercultural Programs, an organization which annually exchanges 7,000 students between the U.S. and 60 other countries. While with AFS, Froistad helped increase international participation in program and policy activities.

Froistad has been a member of the U.S. National Commission for The United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and a non-governmental organization representative to The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). She holds a B.A. in government from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

STAFF ASSISTANT FOR DIRECTOR OF VISTA

Judy Mead, new staff assistant for the director of VISTA, handles scheduling, correspondence, and research and administrative detail for the VISTA director. For two years before taking this position, she was treasurer and staff assistant at the

Lawyer's Guild in Washington, D.C. Before that, she was assistant to the director for the Center for National Security Studies, a Washington, D.C. based public interest group concerned with intelligence and national security issues. Mead has a B.S. in sociology from Iowa State University in Ames.

he was a staff attorney on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee of the House of Representatives. He has a law degree from the University of Baltimore and a BS in education from the University of Maryland.

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, LITIGATION & PERSONNEL

Stewart Davis, the new associate general counsel for litigation and personnel, Office of General Counsel, handles agency litigation, including personnel matters. For eight years before joining ACTION, Davis served as a senior trial attorney for the Office of Personnel Management in the litigation section of the General Counsel's office. Earlier

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL

Susan Shalhoub is an assistant general counsel in the Office of the General Counsel. She handles matters concerning the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts and agency personnel litigation and labor relations. Shalhoub was a tax law specialist at the Internal Revenue Service for two years before joining ACTION. Earlier, as a VISTA volunteer, she managed a consumer protection organization in Berkshire County, Mass. She earned her law degree from Boston University in 1974.

TLC Committee Needs Volunteers

Staff members looking for more personal and meaningful involvement with the volunteers we serve may be interested in contacting the TLC (Tender Loving Care) Committee. This committee, which was formed in August, 1978 and is made up of volunteers from the ACTION staff, provides personal attention to PCVs who have returned to

Washington for medical reasons. TLC volunteers meet the medevacs at the airport, visit them in hospitals, or have them over to their homes in the evening.

The TLC Committee and the medevacs need your services. If interested, please contact Melaine Taylor at FTS 254-7280.

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