

## COUNCIL TO GUIDE POVERTY AGENCY

Advisory Group Will Check  
on Office Led by Shriver

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Two little-noticed changes in the antipoverty program are subjecting Sargent Shriver and his Office of Economic Opportunity to the close supervision of the advisory council Mr. Shriver used to head.

Congress "gerrymandered" Mr. Shriver out of the chairmanship of the council, and President Johnson gave the group not only new members but a full-time observer staff as well.

The supervision will come, in the main, from a 21-member body called the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity.

In 1966 an amendment to the antipoverty law changed the character of the council in several respects, one of them making Mr. Shriver an ex officio member, rather than chairman.

The President added certain touches of his own, such as a staff for the council. Another change affected the geographical and professional character of the council membership. An unusual number of members are known personally to the President.

### Normal Procedure

Standing advisory bodies, as distinguished from an ad hoc investigating panel, usually draw on the agencies they are advising for the occasional professional and clerical help they need.

In his case strangers not responsible to Mr. Shriver will be looking over his shoulder, monitoring the agency and reporting to the President.

How large the council's staff will be is still the secret of its chairman, Morris L. Leibman, a Chicago lawyer. Mr. Leibman, vacationing in Florida, said he would discuss the staff matter and related subjects when he comes to Washington in the first week of April. He acknowledged that he had already hired an acting director.

Mr. Shriver, asked how he felt about an outside staff monitoring the agency, said:

"It doesn't bother me a bit. In fact, I welcome it. The more people who take a hard look at this program the better off we are going to be. What we have suffered from is misinformation. I respect Morrie Leibman very much. I have known him for a long time."

Prior to the 1966 amendment, the law required only that the advisory council, "upon the request of the director" of the poverty agency, "review the operations and activities" of the agency and make recommendations to the director. The law made one meeting of the council mandatory each year, but Mr. Shriver convened it more often.

The new law requires at least four meetings a year, with a report to the President, who is to forward it to Congress with his comments and recommendations.

A Republican, Senator Winston L. Prouty of Vermont, not the Administration was the sponsor of the amendment that changed the character of the advisory council.

The amendment does not specifically authorize a staff for the council. That was a decision by Mr. Johnson, who needs no specific authorization since all antipoverty funds are appropriated to the executive office of the President.

President Johnson's appointments to the new council, announced at the Texas White House on March 4, got little attention.

Casual note was taken of the fact that many of the appointees were close to the President, that more than a third of them came from the South and Southwest, that many were politicians and that only three were holdovers from the old council. One of the 21 is a woman and one is a Negro.

Word that the council is to have a staff reopened conversations among those interested in the poverty agency's operations. Most of these persons are taking a second look at the council membership.

The law gives the President freedom to appoint members who "shall be representative of the public in general and appropriate fields of endeavor related to the purposes of this act."

### Hunt for Talent

The President, it is known, has been pressing his talent hunters to emphasize in their recommendations more persons who are known to him.

The President appointed his minister, the Rev. George R. Davis, senior minister, National City Christian Church, Washington; Jesse Kellam, a business and personal friend of the President's who was identified in the announcement only as chairman, Board of Regents, Texas State College; Horace Busby, also a Texan and former member of the White House staff, now a management consultant.

Also, Gov. Buford Ellington of Tennessee, a close personal friend and former director of the Office of Emergency Planning; Albert Rains, a lawyer and former Democratic member of the House from Alabama; former Gov. Carl Sanders of Georgia; Mayor Louis Welch of Houston, and Mayor Theodore McKeldin of Baltimore.

There is one economist, Prof. Otto Eckstein, of Harvard University, who is known to the President because of his service on the Council of Economic Advisers.

The only woman, one of the three holdovers, is Mrs. Robert S. McNamara, wife of the Secretary of Defense.

Others from the South and Southwest are Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Corpus Christi, Tex., and Dr. Walter Lane, Temple Terrace, Fla.

DR. WALTER LANE  
Temple Terrace, Florida

MR. SIDNEY MARLAND, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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HONORABLE THEODORE McKELDIN  
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MR. ALBERT RAINS  
Attorney, Rains & Rains, Gadsden, Alabama.

HONORABLE CARL SANDERS  
Attorney, Sanders, Hester and Holley, Atlanta, Georgia,  
and former Governor of Georgia.

MR. JAMES SUFFRIDGE  
President, Retail Clerks International Association,  
AFL-CIO, Arlington, Virginia.

MR. DAVID SULLIVAN  
General President, Building Service Employees International Union,  
AFL-CIO, New York City, New York

HONORABLE LOUIE WELCH  
Mayor of Houston, Texas

MR. WHITNEY YOUNG  
Executive Director, National Urban League, New Rochelle, New York.

The new Advisory Council will review the operation of all programs under the Economic Opportunity Act and make recommendations concerning the improvement of existing programs, the elimination of duplication of effort, and the coordination of such programs with other Federal programs designed to assist low income individuals and families.

In making the announcement, President Johnson said:

"The appointment of the National Advisory Council is further proof of our determination that the War on Poverty will be a citizen's war. The members of the Council will serve the public in reviewing, evaluating, and helping to improve the Government's anti-poverty efforts.

"The Council will recommend to the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity changes and improvements which should be made in our anti-poverty programs, and report to me and to the Congress concerning its findings and recommendations.

"In establishing this Council, the Congress has expanded the opportunities for full public participation and involvement in the War on Poverty -- a war that can be won only through the efforts of a unified and dedicated people."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

President Johnson today announced the appointment of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity.

The Council, authorized by the Congress last November, will serve as an advisory committee to the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and will report annually to the President and the Congress on the progress of the War on Poverty.

The President has selected as Chairman of the Council, Morris I. Leibman of Chicago. Mr. Leibman is the senior partner in the law firm of Leibman, Williams, Bennet, Baird & Minnow. He was born in Chicago February 8, 1911 and is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, the Citizens Board of Loyola University, a Director of the Foundation for Cancer Research, and numerous other public and private organizations.

The other members of the Council appointed by the President represent a cross-section of leadership from business, labor, social service, and other fields concerned with the problems of poverty and economic opportunity. They are:

MR. MORRIS ABRAM  
Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison,  
New York City, New York and U.S. Representative to the U. N.  
Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Commission, New York City,  
New York.

MR. HORACE BUSBY  
Management Consultant, Sandy Springs, Maryland.

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN P. CODY  
Archbishop of Chicago.

REVEREND GEORGE R. DAVIS  
Senior Minister, National City Christian Church  
Washington, D. C.

PROFESSOR OTTO ECKSTEIN  
Harvard University, on leave to Stanford University.  
Former member, Council of Economic Advisors.

HONORABLE BUFORD ELLINGTON  
Governor of Tennessee.

MR. IREN FORREST  
Chief, Inter-Tribal Council of California Indians,  
Alturas, California.

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA  
Corpus Christi, Texas

MR. JESSE KELLAM  
Chairman, Board of Regents Texas State College  
Austin, Texas.

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## OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY HELPS SOUTH TEXAS MIGRANTS

Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, today announced a grant of \$4,773,041 to the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity for special programs of basic education and prevocational training for 4,200 adult migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Mr. Shriver said that last year's \$3.3 million program to train 3,000 migrant farm workers in the Rio Grande Valley was so successful that in most communities there were two to ten times as many applications from farm workers as there were training slots. The Texas Office of Economic Opportunity delegated the operation of the program to the Texas Education Agency.

This year's \$4.7 million grant to the Texas OEO will provide six months of basic education and prevocational training for 4,200 unemployed farm workers from San Antonio south to the Rio Grande.

Beginning this fall, the Texas OEO will again delegate the operation of the program to the Texas Education Agency through local school districts. Prior to the establishment of adult educational programs in participating school districts, local advisory committees will be formed. The twelve-member advisory committees will be composed of at least one-third migrant and seasonal farm workers -- nearly all Mexican Americans -- a member designated by the local Community Action Agency, where one exists, and representatives of business, labor, civic groups, industry and minority group organizations. The members of the committee, individually or as a group, will visit the project at least once a month. None of the committee members will be employees of the program.

At least 3,200 of the 4,200 trainees under the OEO grant will be selected from the following counties which have the greatest number of migrant farm workers in Texas: Hidalgo, Cameron, Webb, Bexar, Nueces, Maverick, Zavala and Starr.

Today's OEO grant also includes funds for:

--Stipends during the basic educational period. The head of the household will receive \$30 per week plus \$2.00 for each child up to a maximum of \$40.

--Employment of 223 professional teachers, 75 percent of whom will be fluent in Spanish and have a minimum of five years teaching experience.

--Employment of 215 non-professional teacher and director aides, 75 percent of whom will be fluent in Spanish and residents of the communities being served by the program, with preference being given to members of farm worker families who are not necessarily high school graduates.

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The Texas Office of Economic Opportunity and the Texas Education Agency will make every effort to coordinate this program with other Federal, State and local programs and agencies to serve participants and their families.

The Project Director is Juan D. Solis, B.A., M.A., a native of the Texas Valley and of Mexican American heritage. He was selected by the Texas Education Agency on the basis of experience and training in administering educational programs for migrants.