

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The third issue of Poverty and Human Resources Abstracts (PHRA) comes to you with a slightly changed format. These changes in format are meant to extend the range of information available to the reader and to present it in the most useful and flexible form. The flow of material continues into our office and, as new programs and techniques are developed, the subject matter and content of our information changes. In recent months, our inflow has been dominated by manpower information, perhaps reflecting an increasing preoccupation among researchers and actionists with the questions of employment, unemployment and underemployment for the disadvantaged as well as the affluent of our society. Further modification of format may be necessary as new trends and materials emerge.

The first change in PHRA is in the design of the abstract form. The identification number of the abstract has been moved to the upper right hand corner. The designation preceding this number refers to the year of publication of the abstract in PHRA and the fact that the information is contained in an abstract (e.g., 66-A) in contrast to an annotation (66-N). Immediately below the abstract number is the PHRA classification number for retrieving information and arranging material. The space to the left of the identification and classification number contains the date of the PHRA issue in which the material appears. In each abstract, we have also added key indexing terms for quickly locating the material without the necessity of referring back constantly to the classification system. In the left hand corner of the abstract is the author and title of the material that was abstracted, followed by the full bibliographic source. The subject analysis has been moved to the end of the abstract to set it off for quick examination of information. These changes in format were recommended by our information specialist to present the information in a more accessible form.

The second change in format places related annotated material on the reverse side of each abstract. There is also some attempt to cross-index related material. The list of related annotations is not exhaustive but presents the items that have come to our attention since the last issue. We hope in this way to group related material for our subscribers.

### Conferences of Interest to our Subscribers

As a result of requests from our subscribers, we are bringing together information on regional and national conferences that are primarily concerned with problems of poverty, human resources and manpower development. The list is not exhaustive but does represent a select listing of major conferences.

April

21-23 Librarian Manpower Conference at the Center of Adult Education on the campus of the University of Maryland was called to discuss problems of manpower utilization and development in American libraries. Conference was restricted to invited speakers and observers. For program and list of speakers, write to: Dean Paul Wasserman, School of Library Science, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

April

29-30 Conference on Poverty Research, Communications and the Public sponsored by National Institute of Research on Poverty and Russell Sage-University of Wisconsin School of Journalism held to discuss problems of communicating poverty research to the public. For program and speakers, write to: Charles E. Higbie, School of Journalism, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

May

1-4 Invitational work conference was called by the National Vocational Guidance Association at Airlie House, Washington, D. C. The theme of the conference was: "Implementing Current Career Development Theory and Research in the School Curriculum." For programs and speakers, write to: Kenneth B. Ashcraft, Conference Administrator, University Park Psychological Center, 2343 East Evans Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

May

9-13 Manpower Planning and Control conference was called by the American Management Association at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Emphasis is on manpower development and planning for executives within the corporation. For program and list of speakers, write to: American Management Association, 135 West 50th Street, New York, New York.

May

19-21 Conference on Manpower Problems and Programs in Appalachia called by the Institute for Labor Studies of West Virginia University and The Appalachian Council, AFL-CIO. For program and list of speakers, write to: Frederick A. Zeller, Director, Institute for Labor Studies, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

June

20-22 Conference on Manpower Policy sponsored by the University of California at Berkeley held in New York City at the Waldorf-Astoria. Selected papers are to be delivered by leading manpower specialists. For programs and list of speakers, write to: Dr. Raymond Gordon, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California.

### Miscellaneous Notes of Interest

We wish to announce the addition of Preston R. Wilcox, assistant professor in the Columbia University School of Social Work, and Edgar Cahn of the Office of Economic Opportunity to our National Information Referral Committee.

Two journals are also being added to our list of surveyed journals: Journal of Occupational Health and The Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic. We also wish to bring to our readers' attention an error in a previous listing of a journal on our list of surveyed literature. The incorrect listing was: Psychiatry (Journal of the Biology and Pathology of Interpersonal Relations). The correct title for the periodical, the name by which it has been known since 1950, is Psychiatry: Journal for the Study of Interpersonal Processes. We wish to thank the editors of this periodical for bringing this error to our attention.

### The Current Issue

The review article in the present issue is by Alan Haber of our Institute staff. He assesses critically the criteria for poverty budgets and suggests some needed revisions to make the concept more meaningful. Mr. Haber is co-editor of Poverty in America (The University of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor, 1965). He is currently completing field research on a study of the development of a self-help community as an agent of social change.

We are also privileged to present a bonus. Beginning with this issue of PHRA, we are devoting space to a presentation of interest on poverty and human resources from the Washington scene. In this issue Dr. Sar Levitan of the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research analyzes the federal war on poverty from the viewpoint of projected financial commitments. "Washington Notes" will be a regular feature of our service.

Included with the current PHRA subscription is a postcard form welcoming subscribers to our Institute reprint series and announcing the publication of a review monograph, The Negro and Discrimination in Employment by Dawn Wachtel. This publication contains an extensive review of the existing literature on equal employment opportunity programs in industry and unions. Of particular value is the 184-item bibliography in the publication. We strongly recommend this monograph to our subscribers.

Louis A. Ferman  
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