

remaining seven cities. Attempts have been made in every case to link the neighborhood centers with target areas of proposed Model Cities projects, the Concentrated Employment Programs, and the Comprehensive Area Manpower Planning System. The municipalities then submitted second-phase applications ("Neighborhood Services Program-II") for construction and operation of the centers which indicate the programming of all Federal, State, and local resources for the pilot projects. Those applications were reviewed and, to date, 13 have been approved by WIRC. Action on the remaining application is pending.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL MANPOWER

In 1967, a White House task force, surveying the manpower needs of State and local governments over the next decade, recommended Federal legislation to provide assistance to the States and local jurisdictions. Projections of manpower requirements clearly indicated that (1) heavy manpower replacement and new recruitment would be a critical problem for State and local governments, and (2) the quality and training levels of the new manpower must be significantly higher than previously in order to meet the more sophisticated tasks these governments are now undertaking. Accordingly, Bureau staff worked with the Civil Service Commission and HEW in the development of two legislative proposals to help meet these needs:

The Intergovernmental Manpower Act (S. 1485 and H.R. 8233) which provided for in-service training assistance, intergovernmental personnel transfers, and aids to augment State and local personnel systems. In October 1967, the Senate passed an amended version, the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (S. 699). House hearings on H.R. 8233 have been held in February 1968. Further hearings are expected.

Education for the Public Service Act (H.R. 8175) which provides for pre-service training for students desirous of entering the public service. The bill has been incorporated in H.R. 15067, the Higher Education Amendments of 1968.

#### OPERATIONAL COORDINATION STAFF

To help identify and put into motion solutions to specific problems occurring in the field, the Bureau of the Budget, as part of its reorganization in 1967, has created an Operational Coordination Staff. The staff has been engaged in a continuing program of on-site visits to States, counties and municipalities, with particular emphasis being placed on the coordination of Federal assistance programs at the applicant level.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Under the leadership of the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning, a series of direct consultations with Governors and their staffs have been held in a program of visits to State capitals. Top-level representatives from the Federal grant program agencies and the Bureau of the Budget accompanied the Director on the trips in order to discuss State problems in administering grant programs. A number of the trips also included meetings with State legislative leaders. Forty State capitals were visited. The new Director of the Office of Emergency Planning has also instituted a program of State visits to Washington and meetings of Federal regional people in State capitals. A number of these "State Days" in Washington have been held, and several more were scheduled in the Spring of 1968.

The Vice President continues to hold meetings with mayors, city and county managers, and other local officials to discuss common interests and problems in the field of intergovernmental relations. In the past year, he has held over 25 meetings with organizations of local officials and many local and metropolitan groups as well as the leadership of national organizations such as the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the International City Managers Association, the National Association of Counties, and the National School Boards Association. Many of these meetings represent the first time such groups have had a chance to consult with top-level government officials. Several of them pinpointed problems in intergovernmental relations and resulted in further problem solving sessions with the Bureau of the Budget and other executive agencies.

The Bureau of the Budget recently held its annual Spring liaison meeting with the National Association of State Budget Officers in Washington. Federal and