

## This Week

Chairmen and vice chairmen of NACo's 12 Steering Committees appointed. Complete list of leadership, pages 3-5.

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## HEW STUDY

### Combined Transit Attempts Pay Off

On the heels of a new rural transportation initiative announced by the White House has come a HEW study which demonstrates that counties can improve the efficiency and quality of transportation delivery through coordination of existing programs.

For example, in Fayetteville, Ark., the public transportation system and social services agencies formed a coordinated vehicle maintenance and parts purchasing system and reduced service costs nearly 51 percent.

Another Fayetteville program established a central clearinghouse to match idle agency vehicles with local transit needs. Over an 11-month period, 20,000 more trips were provided than over the previous year.

In Howard County, Md., the merging of transportation needs in four social services agencies has resulted in a 24 percent increase in the number of trips provided to elderly, handicapped and low-income community residents. The average cost per trip of participating agencies decreased 10 percent—from \$3.22 to \$2.13. In addition, the Howard County Office of Aging also opened several new centers due to improved services.

Demonstration programs in Westchester County, N.Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jacksonville, Fla., have had similar results, the two-year study shows.

### Hope for Land Water Fund Cut

The chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Interior Rep. Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) has said he anticipates that House conferees would give "serious and sympathetic consideration" to any additions the Senate would make to the House cut in the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Earlier the House upon recommendation from Rep. Yates deleted \$59 million from the state/local portion of the fund which had been requested by the President.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides assistance through grants to county and local governments to acquire and develop recreation park and recreation facilities. This is the first major cut experienced by this program since its inception in the 1960s. The House committee report did not make clear why the Interior appropriations cut came in this particular program.

County officials should contact members of the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees on Interior and urge restoration of \$159 million from the state and local portion of the fund. Subcommittee members are traditionally named to the House/Senate conference on appropriations bills. (See page 7.)

under the rural transportation initiative to join the Departments of Transportation, Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, Agriculture, and agencies like ACTION and the Community Services Administration in efforts to cut the red tape and provide more efficient transportation services.

HEW's role under the plan includes efforts to:

- Encourage HEW grantees currently operating transportation services to cooperate in forming the basis for more general rural public systems;

- Encourage state and local agencies to continue current transportation funding levels for rural and small urban areas;

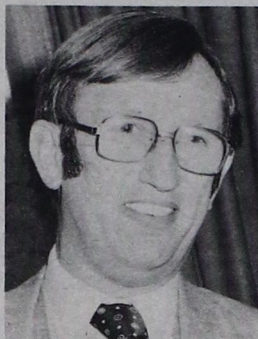
- Establish a task force to develop simplified accounting reporting and cost-sharing procedures for use in social service/public transportation programs;

- Sponsor the state demonstration phase of a national effort to cut the paperwork and other administrative burdens of current accounting, reporting and billing requirements of federal and state agencies;

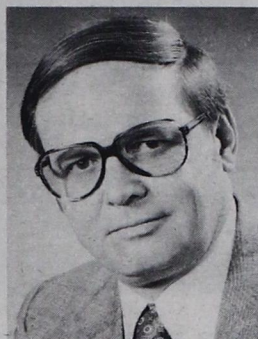
- Revise Title XX (social services) policies to remove the \$5,000 limitation of federal financial participation for purchase of vehicles to provide for the full cost of vehicle acquisition;

- Sponsor a plan to resolve problems in the availability and cost of transportation insurance coverage for social services, charitable and volunteer programs.

For further information about the HEW transportation initiative write to Transportation Initiative, Administration for Public Services, Office of Human Development Services/HEW, 330 C Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.



Jeffords



Marshall



Perkins

## Speaking of CETA

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Carl Perkins (D-Ky.) will deliver the opening speech at NACo's eighth annual national employment policy conference in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Prime mover behind efforts to renew the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) last year, Perkins will discuss the future of the program in light of worsening national unemployment and the current recession.

Other speakers who will take up the conference theme, "CETA Works," include Rep. James Jeffords (Vt.), ranking minority member of the House subcommittee on employment opportunities; Secretary of Labor F. Ray Marshall and Assistant Secretary of Labor Ernest Green. Jeffords and Green will address the Oct. 15 and 17 morning sessions respectively and Marshall will be the luncheon speaker Oct. 16.

The conference, sponsored by the National Association of County Employment and Training Administrators (NACETA) will offer some 70 workshops geared toward elected officials, CETA staff, labor relations

staff, personnel directors, welfare directors, job service directors and service deliverers.

**THE WORKSHOPS** are grouped in seven areas:

- Legislative/Administrative Policy (youth reenactment legislation, welfare reform);

- Labor Management Relations (CETA and labor relations, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action);

- CETA Systems Management (MIS and fiscal management, independent monitoring units);

- CETA Service Delivery (job restructuring, rural delivery and nontraditional jobs);

- CETA Program Issues (private sector programs, PSE transition, audits);

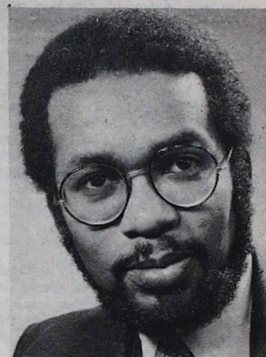
- Technical Assistance and Training (internal training for prime sponsors, DOL efforts);

- Prime Sponsor Relations (CETA and economic development, CETA and vocational education).

To make it easier to share ideas and demonstrate model programs, there will be rooms available at the conference for audiovisual presentations

and an opportunity to distribute informational materials on model programs. For information contact Michael Erickson of the NACo staff. Exhibit space is also available for prime sponsors and others wishing to display their programs; contact Bob Whitener at 703/471-5761.

For registration information, see back page.



Green

## Get Fair Share of Federal Bridge Funds

To help assure that counties get their fair share of the \$4.2 billion available in the federal highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation program, the National Association of Counties Research, Inc. (NACoR) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) are sponsoring a series of regional meetings on the bridge program, designed specifically for county officials.

The first meeting is being held in Boise, Idaho, Sept. 18-19 for those county officials in the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. See page 6 for more information and a housing coupon.

The second meeting is being held at the conclusion of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. County

officials in Pennsylvania and Maryland are invited to register for the NACoR bridge meeting Oct. 3-4 or for the four day event, beginning Oct. 1. See story on page 7 for more information.

The regional meetings are based on the nine regions of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and are specifically designed for officials in those areas. A list of upcoming meetings and dates will appear in future editions of *County News*.

### WHAT IS THE FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

The federal bridge program is a \$4.2 billion program authorized by Congress for fiscal years '79-'82 for the repair and replacement of deficient bridges both on and off the federal-aid highway systems.

Most county bridges are off-system bridges, not part of a federal-aid highway system. The federal government provides 80 percent of project costs; the remaining 20 percent must be funded by local jurisdictions and/or state governments.

Federal law provides for the apportionment of bridge funds to each state. State highway agencies (or state departments of transportation) will administer the program, and counties must work closely with their states to receive funding.

According to law, a minimum of 15 percent and a maximum of 35 percent of each state's apportionment is to be used for off-system bridge projects.

By December 31, 1980, all off-system bridges must be inspected

and inventoried in accordance with FHWA national bridge inspection standards. Federal bridge funds may be used for inventory and inspection.

The purpose of NACoR's regional meetings is to inform county officials of FHWA and state requirements so county bridges will qualify for federal funds. County, state and federal officials will discuss such issues as: how funds are made available to counties; bridge inventory and inspection procedures; bridge ratings; project selection; regulations on such topics as environmental assessment and design standards; and how the bridge program is administered in other states.

An important objective of the meetings is learning your suggestions to improve program administration and cut red tape.





# Is Your County Prepared?

**Editor's Note:** Hurricane Claudette inundated counties in Southeastern Texas and Southern Indiana with 20 to 30 inches of rain late in July causing heavy property damage and massive clean-up problems. In its path, the storm put local preparedness plans and personnel through strenuous exercises. Six counties in Texas and 15 counties in Indiana were declared disaster areas by the President. It was evident that counties with active preparedness plans and capable staff were better able to provide quick effective response. Broward County, Fla. recognized some improvements needed in emergency management after flooding in the Fort Lauderdale area last spring. The following excerpts from a presentation by Broward County Administrator Graham Watt at the NACO Annual Conference in Kansas City gives some tips on what counties typically need to do to up-grade their preparedness plans.

by Graham Watt

Hardly a week goes by without some news of unforeseen events occurring in our communities ... in our state ... in our nation ... or in the world ... which have devastating effects on people's lives.

Train derailments ... plane crashes ... hurricanes ... other storms ... emergencies run the gamut from those which affect one person's life to the ultimate horror of nuclear disaster.

It seems to me that one of government's most important—and often most difficult—missions is to respond effectively to these unforeseen

situations.

Why? Because people are most vulnerable during an emergency. They need us—and we should be ready to help.

Our federal government is taking a comprehensive look at its preparedness capability. In fact, I was recently named by the director of the National Academy of Sciences to a newly created Committee on U.S. Emergency Preparedness.

We are analyzing the relationships between nuclear and non-nuclear types of hazards and determining similarities and differences between those types of hazards.

When we have completed that, the committee will suggest guidelines and make recommendations to be used by the U.S. government for more effective prevention, mitigation and counteraction of nuclear and non-nuclear disasters.

Our report will be made within the next year to the new Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## FIRST LEVEL OF RESPONSE

Those of you who have been involved in local efforts know that in virtually every disaster, local government provides the first level of response.

We have to protect and serve our citizens first, even though we may also need to call on the state and federal government for assistance.

And all of us know that, human nature being what it is, disaster response plans often gather dust on the shelf while we take care of today's problems.

Geographically, Broward County is located on the Southeast Gold Coast of Florida, with populous Dade County to the South and posh Palm Beach County to the north.

Broward is low—12.5 feet above sea level—and dependent on a canal system for drainage. We have some 410 square miles of highly developed area. The remaining land is in the conservation area and an Indian reservation.

Politically, Broward County has a relatively new home rule form of government, and 29 municipalities with populations ranging from about 50 to over 150,000 in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

There are also independent districts—for example, hospital districts and water management districts—to take care of the needs of our one million residents.

While this multitude of jurisdictions means well in providing services, they are not coordinated in their emergency response efforts.

Ironically, on the very day our deluge of rain began, I had scheduled a meeting with key staff members to begin improving the county's emergency response capability.

The rains provided us with a very wet "dry" run. Up to 16 inches of rain fell within a few hours on land which had been suffering from a drought.

Seven persons died. The agriculture industry sustained \$21 million in damages. The roof of a school collapsed and four others were found unsafe.

In addition, entire subdivisions were flooded to the point where people were trapped in their own homes.

Certainly of lesser importance—but it got nationwide publicity—catfish were swimming in the streets of Fort Lauderdale!

The South Florida Water Management District judged the effects of the storm to be greater than the effects of water from hurricanes which hit the Gold Coast.

Specifically, the district said the effects were worse than those of Hurricane Donna in 1960 and Hurricane Betsy in 1965.

Had the county and region been struck by a hurricane, the loss of lives and property would have been far worse particularly because we were not prepared for what we suf-

fered let alone for anything more severe.

## THE LESSON LEARNED

What did we find and what lessons did we learn for the future?

- The first thing we already knew—the county has no permanent emergency operations center where key staff can work.

- Communications within the interim emergency operations center set up in a meeting room of the courthouse were completely dependent on vulnerable telephone lines.

- A public information plan for disseminating information to the media had not been developed.

- No rumor control function existed.

- We had no established means of communicating with our own staff to apprise them of the situation.

- Our damage assessment team was not coordinated.

- Our vehicle and other equipment management scheme was not developed.

- We had no arrangements with the private sector to, for example, use its heavy equipment should evacuation be necessary.

- There was little or no coordination among the county, 29 cities, and other agencies.

And all of this occurred even though Broward County has a disaster preparedness plan.

Hopefully, we have learned a lesson.

We have now—thanks to the county commission—ordered a \$25,000 countywide civil defense alert system.

It is not dependent on telephone lines, and will enable us to communicate with key agencies and the media.

We also have placed funds in next year's budget for a plan for a fully equipped Emergency Operations Center.

We are working toward eliminating our weaknesses in all of the other realms by concentrating on what the role of each county division should be ... who should comprise the emergency staff ... how the media and public can best be kept aware ... and the myriad of other details involved in good response.

As we are getting our own house in order, we are also reaching out to the cities and other jurisdictions to coordinate our efforts better with them.

The best advice I can offer is—really work at preparing a viable plan for your jurisdiction.

It will take considerable effort, but the very reason I have mentioned before, namely, if a disaster is not at our doorstep we tend to forget about it and get on with our day-to-day business.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

# Macy Takes Over New Agency

John W. Macy Jr. was sworn in Aug. 1 as director of the new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Established through the reorganization of five agencies, FEMA consolidates in one organization the closely allied federal programs involved in preparedness, mitigation and response to emergencies ranging from natural and manmade disasters to nuclear attack.

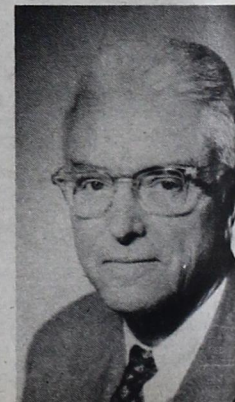
"FEMA will be a single point of federal contact for state and local governments," said Macy, "which will enhance the dual use of emergency preparedness and response resources at all levels of government."

A veteran of management in both the public and private sector, Macy said, "As our world has grown more crowded and complex, the need to improve our ability to manage emergencies, both manmade and natural, has risen sharply. FEMA is a cooperative undertaking with the federal

government as a supporting partner to supplement efforts of local and state governments and private agencies to prepare for and respond to periods of crisis and duress."

Macy joined the federal government in 1939 as an administrative assistant in the Social Security Board and rose through positions in the War Department, Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Army to executive director of the Civil Service Commission, 1953-58. He was appointed chairman of the Civil Service Commission and special assistant to the President from 1961 to 1969.

His experience in the private sector includes president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, President of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, public member of the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange, and president of a management consulting firm.



Macy

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## NEW SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

# Policy Committee Heads Appointed

The leadership of NACo's 12 Steering Committees has been announced by NACo President Frank Francois. The following three pages contain a list of the committee chairmen and vice chairmen and the chairmen and vice chairmen of the various subcommittees. Each of these elected officials will serve for one year.

NACo's steering committees meet at least four times a year to study issues, recommend new policies and interpret the *American County Platform*, NACo's official policy document. NACo's president will also soon be appointing new members to the individual steering committees and filling vacancies. Members serve two-year terms.

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Macon County, Alabama



# NACE President Charts Course for the Future

**Editor's Note:** Below are excerpts from the acceptance speech of NACE President Herbert O. Klossner, transportation director, Hennepin County, Minn.

I want to make a mid-course correction to NACE's orbit!

It is an honor, a privilege and I thank you for making it possible for me to be in a position to influence a mid-course correction.

NACE is certainly not in any danger of crashing in flames but I think there are some things that can be done to put NACE in a higher orbit.

To make mid-course corrections, it is extremely important that the orbital team is intelligent, is well schooled in fundamentals, knows what is expected of it and is able to function under duress. You have given me that kind of team and I thank you for that.

The apogee of NACE's orbit seemed to be reached when the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 was passed.

NACE, through its members, and NACo through its staff, particularly

Marlene Glassman, who kept asking us for information and Tom Bulger, who spent many, many hours on Capitol Hill lobbying for and protecting the counties' interests, pushed the kind of legislation that provided counties with a large share of federal dollars for bridges, rural public transportation, safer off-system (SOS) roads and other programs aimed at making our transportation network safer and more energy efficient. You are all to be congratulated; however, the job is not done!

Congress chose not to fund some of

## Commentary

these programs. It seems incredible that in this period of fuel shortages and enormous price increases for fuel our learned friends in Washington decided not to fund or drastically reduced the appropriations for such energy conservation programs as carpool and vanpool promotion, public transportation and safer off-system roads. The job will not be finished until H.R. 4440, the Transportation Appropriation Act, with Rep. Bob Duncan's amendments, is passed. NACE, as an organization, will be sending telegrams in support, but I urge you individually to contact your congressmen about the Duncan amendments...

I think the President should be applauded for his effort to establish a strong energy policy and I'm sure that NACE will support an energy policy designed for the good of our national interest. However, recently the National Transportation Policy Study Commission released its final report to Congress. It indicates that from now until the year 2000, transportation demand for the movement of freight will grow nine times as fast as the population and four times as fast as the movement of people.

Obviously, some hard compromises will have to be made in the future and I expect NACE to be right in the middle of it. There are interesting times ahead and we must be ready for them. It will be especially interesting to see how Mr. Carter's pledge of federal government agency cooperation will work with EPA, the Labor Department and Davis-Bacon, the Interior Department with their Mine Safety Act and, of course, the Fish and Wildlife Service.

We are again working on a contract with the Federal Highway Administration to provide information on implementing the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program through a series of 10 regional meetings. That contract will be completed March 31,

1980. We have several possibilities for additional grants, but assurance that our Research Committee will be in business after that date.

NACE has always been administered by volunteers. Everything that NACE has accomplished has been through the dedication and perseverance of voluntary members. I cannot recognize the contributions of organizations such as NACoR, The Automotive Foundation in the early years of NACE. Without them NACE would have been a different organization. It had survived at all. However, it was the dedicated volunteers who made the contacts, provided push and manned the committees.

NACE must not change in respect but there are some things volunteers do not have the time to do.

One of these is membership. NACE membership in recent years has been fairly stable. Most of the new members are replacing members who retire or change jobs. Would you believe there are still people out there in engineering who are not NACE members?

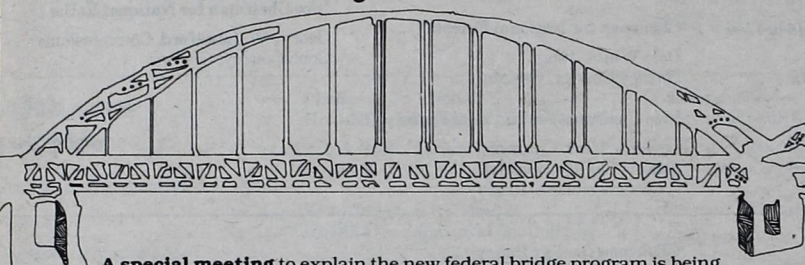
We need to find a method to increase our membership activities. Recruitment. For instance, we need to follow up on our workshop attendees who are not members of NACE. There are many related matters, we should also be there promoting professional matters that do not require county engineers, county highway commissioners, county superintendents or whatever their titles might be. NACE has been in orbit for 15 years and I think it is time to make a mid-course correction that will put it into a higher orbit.

Our constitution provides for the appointment of an executive secretary and I will be proposing the Board of Directors that they very serious consideration to that position.

With the right person, we should be able to move upward in research contracts or grants, increase membership services and recruitment and supplement the great work the NACo staff does for us.

Attention: Idaho, Washington and Oregon County Officials

## Help for Your Bridges is on the Way



A special meeting to explain the new federal bridge program is being held by the National Association of Counties Research, Inc. (NACoR). It is especially designed for county officials in Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

The **Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation** program is a source of billions of federal dollars. It may be the answer to your local bridge crisis, but it raises many questions:

- What are provisions of the bridge bill passed by the U.S. Congress?
- How are funds made available to counties?
- What federal and state rules and regulations must be followed?

During the meeting, county, state and federal officials will answer these and other questions, and NACoR will learn from you how to improve program administration and cut red tape.

You will also receive a packet containing the most up-to-date information on the bridge program and technical resources.

We encourage you to attend this important meeting so you will get your fair share of federal bridge funds.

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**      **Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
**2 p.m.**      **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**at the Holiday Inn, Boise, Idaho**

A block of rooms has been set aside for you at the Boise Holiday Inn. **Please make your own reservations** directly with the Holiday Inn, no later than Sept. 4, 1979, and indicate that you will attend the NACoR bridge meeting: **Reservationist, Holiday Inn, 3300 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, 208/344-8365.**

Your \$35 registration fee will cover meal functions and packet information. To register, please complete the form below and send it to Marlene Glassman, Transportation Project Director, at NACoR by **Sept. 4, 1979.** If you do not pre-register, an on-site registration fee of \$40 will be charged.

### NACoR BRIDGE MEETING REGISTRATION FORM September 18-19, 1979

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (include name of county if county official) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$35 made payable to NACoR

☐ Please bill my county for \$35

RETURN TO NACoR BY SEPTEMBER 4, 1979

## Matter and Measure

### INNOVATIVE PROJECT GRANTS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking, soliciting comment on how to implement a new federal safety program called Innovative Project Grants. NHTSA is seeking comment on all aspects of highway safety innovation that could be served by the grant process.

Commenters are urged to address the types of projects where innovative approaches are possible, and the criteria to be used in screening and selecting among innovative project proposals. For example, a proposal typically consist of three phases: design, operation and evaluation.

Comments are also requested as a means of ensuring that jurisdictions including counties, have an opportunity to compete for available funds as a way of ensuring that innovative projects are effectively monitored and evaluated.

Please send comments by Sept. 17, to Marlene Glassman at NACoR. Marlene can also furnish copies of the *Federal Register* notice.

### PUBLIC LANDS HIGHWAY FUNDS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued notice of a rule to condense and clarify current policy and procedures to be followed in administering funds for public land highways.

The revised regulation restates, without substantial change, current policy and procedures for administering funds which are available for the construction of highways and related facilities on land owned by the federal government. The revised regulation indicates the type of work eligible for public land highway funds and the involvement of federal and state officials in the project development process.

Please send comments by Aug. 31 to Chuck Reidbord at NACoR. Chuck also furnish copies of the *Federal Register* notice.



# Surgeon General Meets Local Health Officials

an unprecedented meeting with city, county, and state health officials, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General Dr. Richmond addressed major concerns of state and local health departments, including the fiscal '81 budget.

Three groups attending the meeting highlighted the need to strengthen funding and programs for preventive health services next year.

Concern of state and local health officials was voiced over a decline in Section 314 (d) health incentive grants under the Public Health Service Act.

This January, the Administration's request for 314(d) was for \$52 million, far below the previous funding level of \$76.5 million. At the time of the meeting, the House supported that request, with the Senate requesting \$68 million. Since then Senate and House conferees reached an agreement, supporting the Senate version at \$68 million, which is expected to be approved in both Houses. NACo worked with a coalition of state, local and health groups to obtain the maximum funding for that program.

Dr. William Roper, health officer for Jefferson County, Ala., stressed

the need for an increase in preventative health services funding for 1980 emphasizing that funds go toward stemming the major causes of illness and disease.

A SECOND THEME expressed at the meeting was the need to formalize the commitment to health prevention programs by federal, state and local levels of government, and to strengthen the capacity of local health departments to meet their responsibilities.

"The local health departments will wither if they are not adequately supported," noted Dr. John DeHoff, health commissioner for the City of Baltimore. Dr. Robert Whalen, health commissioner for New York State, stated the need to "strengthen the system that has been eroded."

The need for greater cooperation among federal, state, and local officials in the development and implementation of programs was also brought out in the discussions.

"Let's talk about health rather than levels of government when we're planning programs," Dr. Bernard Berman, health director for Genesee County, Mich., stated. Added Dr. Alton Cobb, Mississippi state health director, "There's too much targeting from Washington."

Dr. Richmond acknowledged the important impact public health promotion and disease prevention programs have had in communities, citing findings of a recently released Surgeon General's report. But he cautioned that additional funds for prevention programs may be difficult to obtain, since further progress will be less dramatic. As an alternative, Dr. Richmond explained that funding from the Health Care Funding Administration, which administers Medicare and Medicaid, may be a source of funds for preventive health care.

He noted that also under discussion, as a means of making the most of existing resources for public health

programs, is the implementation of two or more demonstration projects which would combine all categorical grants going to the states, counties, and cities. Under these experiments, which could be started in fiscal '81 (beginning October 1980), all funding would go to the states. Performance criteria would be developed as a way of measuring outcomes. It is anticipated that the local role would be the same as it was prior to project implementation.

Dr. Richmond has indicated that NACHO (National Association of County Health Officers), USCCHO (U.S. Conference of City Health Officers), and ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officers) representatives will continue to meet jointly on a quarterly basis, to discuss policy issues. Previously, state health representatives had been meeting quarterly with the Surgeon General, with county and city health officials on an ad hoc basis.

—Janet Smith

## County Comments Asked on Aging Act Regulations

Counties involved in programs supported by the Older Americans Act are urged to comment on regulations implementing the 1978 amendments which were published in July 31 Federal Register.

Deadline for comments to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is Oct. 1. NACo will be submitting comments and counties that wish to have a voice in NACo's response should contact the aging project staff as soon as possible.

There will also be opportunities for making public statements on the regulations through a series of regional hearings in which county officials are encouraged to participate. The schedule for the hearings are:

Region I, Boston, Sept. 11.  
Region II, New York, Sept. 5.  
Region III, Washington, D.C., Sept. 6, 7.  
Region IV, Atlanta, Sept. 11.  
Region V, Chicago, Sept. 13.  
Region VI, Dallas, Sept. 13.  
Region VII, Kansas City, Aug. 30.  
Region VIII, Denver, Sept. 6.  
Region IX, San Francisco, Aug. 30.  
Honolulu, Sept. 12.  
Region X, Seattle, Aug. 29.

In order to be scheduled to speak, county officials must contact the regional program director, the Administration on Aging, in the appropriate HEW regional office.

## FOR PA., MD. OFFICIALS

# Advice on Bridge Program

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—County officials in Pennsylvania and Maryland are invited to attend the second in NACo's series of regional meetings on the new federal bridge program designed especially for those areas. The workshop begins at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 3 and concludes the next day at noon. Location for the meeting is the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

County, state and federal officials will exchange information on implementation of the \$4.2 billion federal highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation program, covering such topics as:

- How county projects qualify for funds;
- Federal and state rules and regulations that must be followed;
- Bridge inventory and inspection requirements.

In addition, NACo will learn from

local officials how to improve program administration and cut red tape. A packet containing the most up-to-date information on the federal bridge program and technical resources will be provided.

NACo's bridge meeting will be held at the conclusion of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) National Conference on Local Transportation, Oct. 1-3.

ARTBA's conference features sessions on recycling, energy conservation, rural transit and airports. Key speakers are Lester Lamm, executive director of Federal Highway Administration and Rep. E.G. "Bud" Shuster (Pa.), ranking minority member of the House subcommittee on surface transportation.

ARTBA registration fee for

ARTBA members is \$90; \$100 for non-members if paid before Sept. 20, 1979; after Sept. 20 the fee is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members.

If you register for the ARTBA meeting, the registration fee for NACo's meeting is only \$10 (before Sept. 20); \$15 on site.

If you do not register for the ARTBA meeting, then NACo's registration fee is \$35 (before Sept. 20) and \$40 on site. This includes ARTBA's banquet, Wednesday evening, Oct. 3, coffee breaks and packet information.

You will receive registration and housing forms in the mail directly from NACo if you wish to attend. For more information, contact Marlene Glassman, NACo transportation project director, at 202-785-9577.

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL FEDERAL AID CONFERENCE

October 23-26, 1979  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Co-sponsored by  
National Association of Counties  
and  
The Council of Intergovernmental Coordinators  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

### Workshops Tentatively Planned:

New Initiatives for the OMB  
Programming for the Arts  
OMB Circulars and Paperwork  
CETA in Transition  
Aging and Title XX  
Federal Commitment to Energy  
Grantsmanship Issues Seminar  
The Changing SMSA  
Grant Reform

Community Development  
EEOC Guidelines  
LEAA Programs  
Indirect Costs  
Economic Development  
Assurances: Meeting Compliance  
Rural Development/Transit  
Bridges and Highways  
Antirecession/Countercyclical

Further information on Hotel and Registration will follow in the next issue of County News.

## Job Opportunities

**Planning Engineer**, Spartanburg County, S.C. To administer the subdivision regulations for control of land in the county. Degree in engineering with three years experience. P.E. preferred. Resume to: Thomas E. Hughes, personnel director, Spartanburg County Courthouse, P.O. Box 5666, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304, 803/585-4811 ext. 294.

**County Administrator**, Leon County, Fla. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Responsible for the operation of all departments under the board's jurisdiction, including public works, human resources, general services and public library. Resume to: Lee Vause, Chairman, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

**Planner**, Riley County, Kan. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Responsibilities include administering comprehensive plan, subdivision and zoning regulations and writing grant applications. Degree in planning and/or experience required. Resume to: Riley County Public Works Department, The Courthouse, Manhattan, Kan. 66502. Closing date: Aug. 31.

**Director of Personnel/Civil Service**, Dallas County, Texas. Salary commensurate with experience. Will be updating existing job classification system and maintaining civil service system for 2,000, also administering employee benefit program. Degree or equivalent experience in personnel management, business administration or related field. Five to ten years in personnel; prefer some experience in public personnel under a civil service system. Resume to: Judge Garry Weber, County Records Bldg., 4th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75202. Closing date: Aug. 31.

**Executive Director**, Cass County, Minn. Salary commensurate with experience. Executive director for countywide home rehabilitation program through the housing and redevelopment authority. Bachelor's degree in public administration or housing or considerable experience. Resume to: Albin R. Carlson, Auditor's Office, Courthouse, Walker, Minn. 56484, 218/547-3300, ext. 203. Closing date: Sept. 21.

**Budget Officer**, Dallas County, Texas. Salary commensurate with experience. Bachelor's degree or equivalent in business with a major in economics, statistics, finance, accounting or related field; five to seven years administrative and supervisory experience that includes budgetary involvement, preferably in a government environment. Resume to: County Judge's Office, Garry Weber, Records Building, 4th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75205. Closing date: Aug. 31.

**County Administrator**, Dakota County, Minn. Salary \$42,500. Will be accountable to board of commissioners for policies and programs, preparation and submission of county budget, long-range capital expenditure program, and departmental programs. Requires master's degree in public administration or related field plus minimum of four years experience in supervisory/administrative position or equivalent in education and experience. Also requires strong public relations skills. Resume to: Administration Office, Dakota County Government Center, Highway 55, Hastings, Minn. 55033. Closing date: Sept. 14.

**Executive Director**, Metropolitan Inter-County Council, St. Paul, Minn. Will recommend, plan and participate in the development of programs and services; conduct research and analysis of problems concerning member counties, direct the development of legislative objectives and policies; and serves as spokesperson before legislative committees and government agencies. Bachelor's degree in public administration, related field, or equivalent experience, five years progressively responsible experience in administrative position with government or government-related association. Resume to: Nanci McGuire, Minnesota Counties Research Foundation, 2305 Ford Parkway, St. Paul, Minn. 55116.

## Interior Appropriations Conferees

### HOUSE:

Sidney R. Yates, Chairman  
Gunn McKay  
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Robert Duncan

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Joseph M. McDade  
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Paul Laxalt



# Meeting Will Focus on "Sagebrush Rebellion"

RENO, Nev.—Cal Black, president of the NACo Western Interstate Region and co-chairman for the Western Coalition on Public Lands, has announced the final schedule for the Western Coalition Meeting on Public Lands. The meeting will be co-chaired by Alaska State Sen. Robert Ziegler, chairman of the Western Conference, Council

of State Governments.

The Sept. 5-7 meeting will be hosted by the Nevada Select Committee on Public Lands and will highlight the so-called "Sagebrush Rebellion" being spearheaded by the Nevada Legislature in attempts to get more state and local control over federal lands in western states. Federal legislation sponsored by Sen. Orrin

Hatch (R-Utah) to accomplish a land transfer will also be highlighted.

More than 87 percent of the land in Nevada is federally owned or controlled. A recent state law which may be soon tested in federal court would transfer control of a portion of the lands to the state. County and state officials throughout the West are interested in the outcome of this

effort, especially since a series of proposed federal land regulations and wilderness designations have raised concerns for local economic and social goals in public land areas. Approximately 90 percent of all federal land holdings are located in the western states.

Invited speakers for the meeting include the co-chairmen for the

Western Coalition of U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), Laxalt (R-Nev.) and Sen. Reps. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.), Santini (D-Nev.) and Don Clausen (Calif.) have also been invited. key federal agencies will be represented by Max Peterson, chief of the U.S. Forest Service and Frank Gregg, director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. NACo President Frank Francois will also participate in the program.

## NACETA will sponsor NACo's Eighth National Employment Policy Conference

Sponsored by the National Association of County Employment and Training Administrators (NACETA) with special sessions sponsored by the County Employee/Labor Relations Service (CELRs)

**Commonwealth Convention Center  
Jefferson County (Louisville), Kentucky  
October 14-17, 1979**

### Workshops

For elected officials, CETA staff, labor relations staff, personnel directors, welfare directors, job service directors and service deliverers

PSE Management  
Job Development  
Youth Programs  
Rural Programs  
EEO/Affirmative Action  
Job Classification  
Public/Media Relations

OJT Designs  
Private Sector Initiative  
Welfare Reform  
Targeted Jobs Tax Credit  
Client Motivation  
Counseling Techniques

### Business Session

Election of Officers of the National Association of County Employment and Training Administrators

### Regional Caucuses

### General Session Speakers

House Education and Labor  
Committee Chairman **Carl Perkins**,  
Secretary of Labor **F. Ray Marshall**,  
House Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities,  
Ranking Minority Member **James Jeffords**,  
Assistant Secretary of Labor **Ernest Green**,  
and many other key congressional representatives,  
staff and administration officials

### General Information

Delegates to NACo's 8th Annual Employment Policy Conference can both preregister for the conference and reserve hotel accommodations by completing this form in full. Please use **one** form for **each** delegate registering for this conference. You must pay your Conference Registration Fee by check, voucher, or equivalent made payable to **National Association of Counties/Employment** and **postmarked no later than Sept. 10, 1979**. Return all of the above to **NACETA Conference Registration Center**, 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. For further information, call 703/471-6180.

### Conference Registration

All advance conference registrations must include payment and be postmarked no later than **Sept. 10, 1979**. No requests for conference registration will be accepted by telephone. Refunds of Conference Registration Fee will be made if cancellation is necessary, provided that written notice is postmarked no later than **Oct. 7, 1979**. Spouses must register to attend social events. No separate tickets will be sold.

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Check appropriate box(es) ☐ Delegate (\$95) ☐ Spouse (\$55)

Name Last First Middle Initial

Title

County

Prime Sponsor (If Appropriate)

Address

City State Zip Telephone

Name of Registered Spouse Last First

### OFFICIAL HOUSING RESERVATION REQUEST

- Special conference room rates will be available to all delegates whose reservations are postmarked to the **NACETA Conference Registration Center** no later than **Sept. 10**.
- After Sept. 10 no hotel reservations will be made directly by the Conference Registration Center. However, the NACETA Registration Center (703/471-6180) will provide information on hotel room availability after Sept. 10 so that delegates can make their own hotel reservations.
- No housing reservations will be accepted over the telephone at any time by the Conference Registration Center.

Indicate hotel preference by circling rate under type of room:

Hotel	Single	Double	Twin
Hyatt Regency	1 person/1 bed \$39	2 persons/1 bed \$49	2 persons/2 beds \$49
Galt House	\$35	\$43	\$43

Note: Suite information from Conference Registration Center (703/471-6180).

Name of Individual

Co-occupant/Double or Twin

Arrival Date/Time Departure Date/Time

Special Hotel Requests

Credit Card Name Number

Authorized user's signature Expiration Date

☐ Check here if you have a housing related disability.

No room deposit required. Rooms may be guaranteed after 6 p.m. arrival in writing by your county or by sending one night's deposit to the above address. For further housing information, call NACETA Conference Registration Center (703/471-6180).

For Office Use Only

Check No.

Check Amount

Date Received

Date Postmarked

### PAYMENTS-IN-LIEU RALLY SCHEDULED

O. G. "Clem Clemons, Commissioner, Stevens County, and NACo's chairman for payments-in-lieu, has called a "Payments-in-Lieu Rally for county officials in conjunction with the meeting. "Full disclosure of the payments-in-lieu program has been threatened," Clemons said, "so it is important that county officials rally for support of the program. The timing of this rally is important because the Senate Appropriations Committee will consider the payment-in-lieu appropriation soon after this meeting. The rally will be held as part of a joint meeting of the NACo Western Interstate Region Board and NACo Public Lands Steering Committee Sept. 5. The schedule for Western Coalition meeting is as follows:

### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 5

4 p.m. Joint Meeting: NACo Western Interstate Region Board and NACo Public Lands Steering Committee

5 p.m. Payments-in-Lieu of Tax Rally

6:30 p.m. Reception

### THURSDAY, Sept. 6

9 a.m. Opening General Session. Invited Speakers: Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.), Max Peterson, chief, U.S. Forest Service and Frank Gregg, director, Bureau of Land Management.

10:30 a.m. Work Sessions on the following: public land payments, federal regulations, wilderness proposals and public land legislation.

Noon Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Workshops continue

3:30 p.m. General Session: "Sagebrush Rebellion"

Evening Social Function

### FRIDAY, Sept. 7

9 a.m. General Session: Report of the work sessions, discussion of Western Coalition priorities and work program and Invited Speaker: Rep. Jim Santini (D-Nev.).

Noon Closing Luncheon: Invited Speakers: Sens. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.) and Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.).

County and state officials should make hotel reservations directly with Del Webb's Sahara Reno Hotel, Box 1291, Reno, Nevada 89504, 322-1111. You should identify reservations as "Western Coalition Meeting on Public Lands" for special conference rate.