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# 'No Work, No Welfare' Bill Backed

Michigan officials are backing a federal bill that would hopefully get the so-called "hard-core unemployed" off the state's welfare rolls and into job programs.

Congress is considering a \$250 million national program to skim the hard-core cases from the welfare rolls. Differences between House and Senate versions are being ironed out in a conference committee.

because some are not the most employable or dependable."

Women would also be phased into the work program where their children are of school age and proper supervision of them can be found while the mothers are on the job.

"If you had a problem child," Kellogg explained, "we could always exempt the mother and keep her in the home."

Such a program could have incalculable side benefits to children in the homes of welfare families, giving them a new sense of pride and direction, Kellogg claimed.

"It certainly sets a better example for the kids," he said. "If you don't set some type of example, the children will follow in the footsteps of their parents."

The State Civil Service Department is surveying to determine how many welfare recipients would be employable by state agencies.

Under the plan Michigan officials are backing, the Social Services Department would turn over public assistance funds to the labor department, which would enter into contracts with other agencies for public projects.

The other agencies—cities, counties, state—would supplement these funds to bring these persons a decent wage.

In this way, the persons now drawing public assistance would also be paying taxes and contributing to Social Security toward their retirement years.

Should a person refuse employment he would be cut from welfare rolls with protective payments being made for food, shelter and other needs of the dependent children.

A THREE-PHASE program would be offered:

—A group of the physically able and employable men and women on ADC rolls to the State Employment Security Commission for immediate job placement.

—Training programs for persons without proper qualifications to make them employable.

—Public projects for those not readily employable, but who can work on a limited basis.

MICHIGAN HAS about 41,000 families on its Aid to Dependent Children rolls.

In the last fiscal year, they received about \$72.7 million—\$31.1 million from the state and \$41.6 million from the federal government.

Just how far the welfare rolls could be trimmed is unknown at this point, according to Lynn Kellogg, deputy director of the Michigan Social Service Department.

Whether the program will be a success may depend on the attitude of the state Labor Department, Kellogg said.

"In the past there has been reluctance to place some of these people, understandably,

fortunately in the generating capacity. However, the plant will be wholly owned and operated by Consumers Power Company.

The UPPER reservoir, the largest ever built for pumped storage power generation, will be completely enclosed by a six-mile earthfill embankment.

During pumping or generation, a maximum of 17 billion gallons of water will be transferred between Lake Michigan and the reservoir.

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## On Lake Michigan

# Giant Generating Plant Planned

LUDINGTON--Plans for a vast new source of electric energy for Michigan were announced this week by Consumers Power Co.

Four miles south of Ludington, on the bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, Consumers Power plans to build one of the largest pumped storage hydroelectric plants in the world. It will be capable of generating up to 1,872,000 kilowatts of power, more than half again the entire generating capacity of Consumers Power today.

A PUMPED storage hydroelectric plant is like a giant storage battery.

In off-peak hours, when demand for electricity is lowest, water will be pumped from Lake Michigan and stored in a 27 billion gallon reservoir atop the bluffs. Then, in times of peak demand, water will be released to generate electricity as it flows back into the lake.

The plant is scheduled for initial operation in 1973. It will involve a total investment of \$186 million.

Power from the Ludington plant, as from all Consumers Power generating facilities, will be fed into the Michigan power pool, of which The Detroit Edison Company and Consumers Power are the principal members.

Detroit Edison is expected to invest half of the cost of construction, and to share prop-

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