

# Closing Of Job Corps Center At Northern Michigan University Delayed Until June 30

Labor Secretary George P. Schultz announced Friday in Washington that closing of the Women's Job Corps Center at Northern Michigan University would be delayed until June 30 to allow more time for handling of special problems here.

The university received confirmation in a teletyped message from John Donohue, contracting officer for the Office of Economic Opportunity, President John X. Jamrich said this morning.

Schultz also assured Congress Friday that all trainees in Job Corps centers to be closed would be given a chance to transfer to other centers or manpower programs. He made the statements while testifying before a Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.).

## Franco Testifies

Reuben Franco, NMU senior and chairman of Friends of the Black Students Association, also addressed the subcommittee, speaking in behalf of the unique value of the Marquette center and the need to retain it and other centers throughout the country. Schultz's announcement of a delay in closing the NMU Job Corps Center followed Franco's testimony.

Jamrich said that before receiving Donohue's confirmation he had calls Friday from Sens. Philip A. Hart and Robert P. Griffin and Rep. Phillip E. Ruppe, indicating their belief that the center here will remain open until June 30, at least for those enrollees who can complete their training by then. Other enrollees probably will be transferred out in the meantime, Jamrich indicated.

## Additional Extension Eyed

The NMU Faculty Senate, meanwhile, has written a letter to key government officials, endorsing Jamrich's objections to premature closing of the center here and asking that con-

it open "preferably for an indeterminate number of the additional days to Sept. 30 which are permitted in the contract" with OEO.

The letter, signed by Faculty Senate Secretary Earl R. Hilton and sent to Hart, Griffin, Ruppe, Schultz, Rep. Charles Diggs, Rep. Carl Perkins and Bertrand Harding, Job Corps director, points out that 214 young women are still enrolled in the Marquette Job Corps program and that 99 of these are due to complete all of their requirements for graduation by June 30.

"By that time, another 30, now in various stages of progress in their vocational programs, will have fulfilled all conditions except their practical work experience. The remaining 39 or 34 will need further time in the basic programs, as well as in work experience," Hilton explained.

The NMU Faculty Senate points out that "the federal government has a moral obligation of the highest order to keep faith with a large group of young women whose experience prior to their association with the Job Corps has given them little or no reason for hope — or faith.

## 'Callous Disregard'

"A determination on the part of the Department of Labor to terminate operations of the Marquette center too abruptly to permit completion of the regular training cycles would, in the judgment of the Faculty Senate, constitute a callous disregard for the fundamental right of all citizens, not just the 214 enrollees and the 95 staff members facing virtually immediate unemployment, to fair and decent treatment by their government," the letter declared.

It concluded with the request that all of the present Job Corps enrollees be allowed to finish their training in Marquette on or as soon as feasible before Sept. 30.

## Busload Washington Bound

Franco arrived in Washington Friday to speak in support of retaining the Job Corps. A busload of about 50 NMU students, faculty members and Job Corpswomen left Marquette Friday and was expected to be in Washington late tonight. They will stay at the downtown YMCA.

Ruppe will welcome the group at the YMCA at 8:30 Monday morning and Hart is scheduled to meet with them on Tuesday.

During the two-day stay in Washington, four or five members of the group will testify before the House Education and Labor Committee, while others reportedly will picket the White House and attend the House hearings.

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## Bill Opposes Shutdown Of Job Corps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said Friday 21 colleagues will co-sponsor his bill opposing the shutdown of Job Corps installations.

Cranston arranged to introduce the resolution which would put the Senate on record as opposing Job Corps shutdowns without congressional approval.

Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz said meanwhile a \$1 million fund is available to provide other training for Job Corps students in the 59 camps being closed in an economy move.

Shultz told a Senate labor subcommittee that enrollees who wish to transfer to other Job Corps centers may do so. Others in the affected camps will be given priority to participate in federally assisted manpower training programs if they wish.

## Degree Work Sunday For Negaunee KC

NEGAUNEE — Sunday is the day for exemplification of new degree work of the Knights of Columbus in Negaunee.

All 20 councils of the Upper Peninsula are expected to be present to observe the ceremonies. About 250 to 300 knights are expected.

The new degree work will start at 1 p.m. and finish at 4:30. Following will be a dinner in St. Paul's auditorium at 5:30. The degree work will take place in the school.

Patron of the class will be the Most Rev. Charles A. Salatka, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette.

Francis Method, district deputy of Marquette, Negaunee and Ishpeming, will be host district deputy, but all six district deputies of the U.P. will assist in exemplification of the degrees.

Rev. Milton Vanitvelt, diocesan Knights of Columbus chaplain, also will assist and will speak at the dinner. John Matthews, Manistique, state advocate, will be the main speaker.

## Youth Center Council's Meeting Set

ISHPEMING — The annual meeting of the Greater Ishpeming Youth Center Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the City Hall.

The council is made up of members elected from representatives of the various organizations of the Greater Ishpeming area and an election is scheduled for Monday's meeting, to determine council personnel for the coming year.