



No. 1 The Topic is Equality -- Mrs. Velma M. Strode, left, director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Labor, discusses 1973 EEO plans with Mrs. Ruth W. Britt, a member of her staff. Mrs. Britt is coordinator for the Federal Women's Program within the Department.

## PROPOSED LEVY LOWER THAN LAST YEARS

The Seattle Schools' proposed \$33,024,000 "belt - tightening" levy to be voted on Feb. 6 represents a cut of \$5.4 million from the levy now in effect.

The proposed levy is for the 1974 tax year and proceeds of it will be used in the 1973-74 and 1974-75 school years.

Thousands of volunteers will be out in their neighborhoods this weekend, doorbelling and distributing literature about the levy.

"The future of our school system will be on the line Tuesday, Feb. 6," said Jim Whittaker, chairman of Seattle Citizens For School Support. "The levy is vital to maintenance and operation of a good school system."

It would take years to recover from a levy failure, he stressed.

Whittaker pointed out that approximately one-third of the School District's operating budget comes from annual levies.

## BASIC SKILLS AT GARFIELD UNDERGO TRANSITION

The Language Arts Department at Garfield is currently undergoing a period of positive transition. Weekly inservice meetings and Saturday workshops, financed by Title VIII funds are showing their impact on restructuring the Department to more closely meeting the needs of the young men and women at Garfield High School.

In line with one of Project Garfield's major objectives of significantly increasing the reading level of each student at Garfield, heavy emphasis is being given to strengthening the reading program at Garfield in these continuing inservice sessions and workshops.

The most important goal of the Department as stated by Joe Fleming, Department Head, is "to provide all students with the skills necessary to read and write effectively and most of our

energies will be spent in this direction. No student should nor will be graduated from Garfield without these necessary skills."

The workshops and much of the weekly inservice programs are being conducted by Colleen McElroy, Assistant Professor and Supervisor of the English Economic Opportunity Program at the University of Washington. Ms. McElroy was re-engaged by CADRE (Central Area Dropout Reduction Experiment) for Garfield on the basis of her outstanding work in last summer's workshop at Garfield.

Participants in this program include Joe Fleming, Department Head, Mike Adams, Barbara Altman, Hal Bishop, Merry Cole, Helen Dickens, Rose Espy, Nora Manley, Art Wicks, Elizabeth Yates and Vivian Murray.

## RENT-A-KID PROGRAM HELPS YOUTH

A program to find jobs for youth will begin here in February.

"Rent-A-Kid" will get jobs for youth ages 9 to 11 and who live in the Central Area.

"Rent-A-Kid" is a project of Youth Unlimited, 1710 E. Yesler Way.

The employment service for youth will be at the Collins Recreation Center, 16th and Washington.

Jobs for the youth are being solicited from all parts of the city, including the suburbs.

Youth unlimited will provide transportation for kids. Jobs needed include lawn care, baby sitting, snow shoveling, shopping, apartment and house painting, garage and house clean-up and cleaning boats.

Anyone with a job can call 329-5882.

## Bobby Seale wants fund

Oakland, Calif. (NBNS)-Black Panther Chairman Bobby Seale announced for mayor and immediately called for a "slush fund" to provide jobs for minor-

ities. Seale, 35, predicting a "landslide victory," said "people have a right to a job" and this this would be the central theme in his campaign.

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