

'One Man, One Job' ^{Pork} _{11/9/66}

By giving up one of his offices, Mr. Shriver diminishes the congressional sniping at the other. The Peace Corps, which he now leaves, is a stable operation for which no great departures are planned. The Office of Economic Opportunity, to which he will now devote his whole attention, is about to present an expanded budget to a Congress that has been muttering for some time about the need for a full time administrator there.

Mr. Shriver is to be replaced at the Peace Corps by Jack Hood Vaughn. The largest drawback to this change is the necessity, once again, of finding a new Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. Mr. Vaughn is the fifth man to hold that job in the past five years, and so rapid a succession of officials can only depreciate the quality of policy in an important area.

The war against poverty is now moving from preliminary skirmishes with a few mayors into much more substantial issues. To operate it over the coming year will require the full energy and skill even of Mr. Shriver. When several mayors last fall denounced the Office of Economic Opportunity and its local community action programs, they quickly discovered the perils in appearing to oppose the poor. Now the spokesmen for the mayors are increasingly men like Joseph M. Barr of Pittsburgh, who has closely identified himself with the war against poverty in his own city.

The next round will come later this year, as the new community action organizations, in neighborhoods throughout the country, begin demanding the right to participate in other Federally-supported programs. The first target will be housing and urban renewal; the hospitals and the schools will come next. These neighborhood organizations can be expected to press for deep changes, and not always welcome ones, on several Cabinet members. Then the Capital will begin to realize the power of the ideas that President Johnson has evoked.