

U.S. Jobs Urged For Non-Refugees

Sacramento

State Secretary of Health and Welfare Mario Obledo wired the California Congressional delegation yesterday an urgent for legislation that would protect the state's unemployed from competition with job-seeking Vietnamese refugees.

In the telegrams, Obledo proposed a "Jobs for Americans" amendment to the Cuban Refugee Act of 1962. The amendment would require the federal government to create new jobs for the residents of any state equal to the number of employable refugees relocated in that state.

"For example," Obledo said in his telegram, "if 16,000 Vietnamese in California are potentially employable, federal funds sufficient to develop 16,000 jobs for Californians shall be provided."

Obledo also sent telegrams seeking support of the amendment to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Secretary of Labor John Dunlop and Secretary

of Health Education and Welfare Caspar Weinberger.

Obledo said the federally created jobs would last for a maximum of three years, pay no more than \$1000 a month, and give preference to American veterans of the Vietnam war.

Provisions would be made to transfer persons working in such jobs into the private sector within three years, Obledo said.

The Amendment is being sponsored by Representative Glenn Anderson (Dem-L.A.).

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