

Despite Scandal, Many Seek U.S. Posts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House said today that despite the Watergate scandals it is "having no trouble recruiting people" for government jobs.

In fact, deputy presidential press secretary Gerald Warren said, the White House is "still getting more offers of assistance than we can handle" and from what he called high caliber people.

Warren said that the per-

centage of unfilled posts on executive levels in the administration is 9.2 percent, with only 48 vacancies among a total of 520 positions.

And, he said the percentage for sub-Cabinet posts is 14.5 percent, or 29 vacancies among some 200 posts.

As far as ambassadors are concerned, the presidential spokesman said, "We are a little bit behind on that."

He listed the vacancy rate

at about 11 percent with 13 vacant positions among a total of 115 ambassadorial posts.

Warren gave the rundown after announcing some restructuring of the Domestic Council which moved up two former White House fellows to \$36,000-a-year posts as associate directors of the council.

He was asked if that signified some difficulty in recruiting personnel. Warren

said it did not.

There have been considerable reports of White House recruiting difficulties since the Watergate affair.

But, Warren said, "We'll be announcing appointments" and he had one today — the nomination of James E. Smith of McLean, Va., a former deputy undersecretary of the Treasury, to fill a \$40,000-a-year vacancy as comptroller of the currency.