

# Job Vacancies at The White House

## Washington

The White House reported yesterday that despite the Watergate scandal it is "having no trouble recruiting people" for government jobs.

Deputy presidential press secretary Gerald L. 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 percentage of unfilled posts on executive levels in the administration is 9.2 per cent, with 48 vacancies among 520 positions.

And, he said the percentage for sub-Cabinet posts is 14.5 per cent or 29 vacancies among 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 per cent with 13 vacant positions among 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 and that obviously when White House fellows show interest in government and administration they would certainly be considered for government posts along with other qualified people.

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

But Warren said, "We'll be announcing appointments" and he had one yesterday — 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.

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