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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 7 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole and U.S. Rep. Garner E. Shriver received word from the Labor Department today that Wichita will be one of fourteen metropolitan areas to share in a \$42 million federal reemployment program for jobless aerospace and defense personnel.

The Technology Mobilization and Reemployment Program (TMRP) was announced last week at the San Clemente White House, but at that time Wichita was not named among those areas to receive assistance.

The other 13 areas that the Labor Department named for the program due to their great numbers of persons laid off from aerospace and defense-related jobs are : Huntsville, Ala.; Los Angeles; San Diego; Orange County, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; Cape Kennedy; Atlanta; Boston; St. Louis; Long Island, N.Y.; Philadelphia; Dallas, and Seattle.

The new program, with funds already in the fiscal year 1971-72 budget, will get underway the middle of this month. Administered by the Labor Department's Manpower Division, the \$42 million fund will be spent for job finding assistance, job retraining, mobility provisions and skill conversion studies.

*\$5 million for job search program to enable about 20,000 applicants to explore specific job opportunities outside their home areas.

*\$25 million for job retraining for about 10,000 persons emphasizing "on-the-job" training in public and private sectors and short-term institutional training, where there is a strong prospect for employment with specific employers.

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*\$10 million to help 10,000 families with reimbursement money so they can move to jobs in different areas.

*\$2 million for skill conversion studies. Small groups of professionals would explore ways to provide technological help for traditional areas of the economy.

The Department of Labor informed Dole today that beginning April 19, the Wichita state employment office, 402 East 2nd, will have a special unit for registering jobless aerospace engineers, scientists and technicians. Dole urged that those persons needing this service register as soon as the program is available. This special employment service will:

*Attempt to find jobs locally and place applicants.

*Provide applicants with appropriate labor market information and local leads.

*Seek job opportunities for applicants elsewhere if local placement is not possible.

The Wichita share in the federal TMRP funds will be announced soon, Dole said.