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MUSKIE PROPOSES EXPANDED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GARDINER, MAINE

Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) said today that the Federal government must help states improve their vocational education systems to fulfill the expanding demand for people trained in pollution control, health care and correctional work.

In remarks delivered Thursday morning at the Maine Vocational Association Convention at Gardiner, Maine, Senator Muskie said, "We must increase substantially the variety of vocational education programs that we make available.

"For we are going to need--in increasing numbers--trained and educated people--

--who are skilled at operating the waste treatment facilities required to keep our rivers and streams from becoming polluted;

--who are capable of improving our health care services--as medical technicians, hospital workers and doctors' aides;

--who are useful in police stations, in courthouses, in correctional institutions;

--who can help police officers and judges and prison wardens make our system of criminal justice what it ought to be."

Senator Muskie said, "We must increase substantially the opportunities for vocational training--in secondary schools as well as vocational-technical institutes, community colleges and other institutions of higher learning--and opportunities that can be integrated with a liberal arts curriculum--opportunities that should be available to persons of all ages interested in improving old skills or learning new ones...

"It may well be necessary to amend and update Federal legislation," Mr. Muskie said, "in order to pay for new and expanded vocational study opportunities, to aid the part-time student as well as the full-time student and to encourage adults to further their education and increase their skills without undue financial hardship."
