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DIRECTOR NAMED FOR VISTA

Carol M. Khosrovi has been nominated by President Nixon on September 15, 1970 to be the Director of VISTA.

Mrs. Khosrovi comes to VISTA with considerable experience in the needs of the poor people of America. She was a member of the President's Task Force on Public Welfare and helped draft the basic legislation introduced to Congress as the Family Assistance Plan. She has been involved in developing a variety of legislation relating to current social problems, including bills to provide decent housing for low-income families, community health centers and economic development projects. For the past year she has been the Director of Congressional and Governmental Relations for the Office of Economic Opportunity.



In a statement upon her nomination Mrs. Khosrovi said, "Many government agencies are involved in programs to help solve current domestic problems, but VISTA is different from other government programs. VISTA involves more than just dollars, it involves a 24 hour a day commitment to do something about the needs of poor people."

VISTA DIRECTOR (Cont.)

"During the coming weeks and months, I plan to meet with and communicate with as many individual Volunteers as possible. The Volunteers should have an effective means of communicating their convictions and suggestions. Their suggestions will be listened to and will be a valuable source in making policy determinations.

"I am anxious to do whatever I can to improve the effectiveness of the program. I am optimistic and excited about the future of VISTA."

Prior to coming to OEO in August 1969, Mrs. Khosrovi served as legislative assistant to Senator Charles Percy of Illinois and, before that, in the same capacity to Senator Robert Griffin of Michigan, Congressman William Stanton and Robert Taft, Jr. of Ohio and Congressman (now Senator) Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Khosrovi brings to VISTA a demonstrated personal commitment to volunteer work. Between terms as a student at Mount Holyoke College, she worked during the summer of 1954 for the American Friends Service Committee as a volunteer in Villa de Carbon, Mexico. There she helped with a vaccination campaign, ran a library and taught in the local school.

In 1956, Mrs. Khosrovi enrolled in night school at George Washington University and received her B. A. degree in political science in 1960.

Donald Runnfeldt praised Mrs. Khosrovi's nomination as "a well-deserved tribute to her qualities of leadership and her commitment to the cause of serving the poor."

Once Mrs. Khosrovi's nomination is confirmed by the Senate, she will be one of six top women serving in the Federal government. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Khosrovi, 35, is married and has a teen-age daughter.

OF CONSUMING INTEREST

Two years ago, VIS put together a Consumer Education Kit. At that time the major emphasis was on consumer information--how to buy eggs, how the USDA grades foods, how to plan a budget. At this time, we find, having spent the latter part of the summer updating the kit, that the emphasis is on consumer protection--how to compare prices in food stores when the quantities are different, how to be informed about consumer rights, how not to be gypped.

Listed below are the items which will appear in the kit. Those listed first were prepared for specific locations and have been included because of the clarity with which they are presented and because they could easily serve as models for brochures in your locality. CHECK WITH YOUR NEAREST LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE SO YOU CAN MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT THE LAWS IN YOUR AREA.