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# Literacy program not reaching goal

New York—Federal programs that promised to wipe out illiteracy in America have failed to live up to their claims, and as many as 64 million adults may be considered illiterate, according to a Ford Foundation study released Sunday.

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The Adult Basic Education (ABE) program, passed in 1964, promised to end the "inability to get or retain employment," but instead has failed to reach persons most desperately in need, said the report entitled, "Adult Illiteracy in the United States."

ABE also has been hobbled by poor attendance and high dropout rate, said the report, with fewer than 2 million persons enrolled in federal programs designed to meet the needs of more than 60 million.

### Armed diplomats

Kampala, Uganda—American and other diplomats have begun arming themselves and some embassies have even imported special sharpshooter squads to protect them against rampant lawlessness and daily murders, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

Ugandan officials, unable thus far to cope with the armed gangs terrorizing Uganda and its capital, are encouraging diplomats and local residents to join them in an "all-out-war" against the legacy of lawlessness left by the ousted regime of dictator Idi Amin.

Hundreds and possibly thousands of persons have been killed in daily murders since Amin was toppled in April despite the restoration of law and order being the government's top priority.

### New ruling?

Washington—Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court said Saturday that the possibility that judges might too casually grant requests to close entire trials to the public "may justify the adoption of new court rules, or even new legislation."

But he emphasized that the Constitution itself, as interpreted in a recent Supreme Court decision, *Gannett v. DePasquale*, did not bar such closings when the defense and prosecution agreed to them.

The prospect that some judges may occasionally be too quick to close trials "is not an acceptable reason for rewriting the Constitution of the United States," he said.

Stevens, in remarks prepared for delivery at dedication ceremonies for the University of Arizona College of Law in Tucson, thus became the fourth justice to comment publicly on the *Gannett* opinion since it was issued.

### International checks

Washington—The U.S. government is sending monthly checks to nearly 400,000 persons living in more than 120 countries in all parts of the world.

The checks this year will total about \$1 billion. In destinations and monthly numbers, they range from the one check being sent to a resident of Cameroon to the 93,000 checks mailed to residents of the Philippines.

They are not going to individuals currently working for the government, but are being sent to those who established eligibility for veterans, social security, civil service retirement and other benefits. Many are foreign nationals.

As a result of the normalization of relations with China, the Carter administration recently lifted the ban on sending government checks to persons living in that country.

It is not yet known how many individuals will qualify for U.S. benefits of one kind or another.

### Budget battle

Washington—A battle over the federal budget starts in Congress this week as the projected deficit for 1980 threatens to increase by \$10 billion, perhaps more.

The lawmakers are feeling pressure to impose fiscal restraint as a way of controlling inflation. At the same time, powerful special interests led by the military, are arguing for spending increases to keep their programs in line with rising prices.

Meanwhile, Republicans are leading demands for a big tax cut that they say would help head off a threatening recession.

In May, Congress passed the first budget resolution, which set tentative spending and revenue targets for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. Now Congress must review its earlier decisions and adopt a second budget resolution setting firmer goals and priorities. The final product is supposed to be ready by Sept. 15, but Congress probably will miss the deadline by at least a week.

### Hurricane threat

Miami—Hurricane Gloria, a threat only to ships in the mid-Atlantic Ocean, maintained minimal hurricane strength Saturday while remnants of former Hurricane Frederick dumped more rain on Hispaniola and Cuba.

Highest winds were about 75 mph, but it could increase some in strength, forecaster John Hope said.

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