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HEW REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS
NIXON WELFARE REFORM PLAN AT UM

MISSOULA--

A representative of the Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS) of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), will discuss President Nixon's welfare reform plan Thursday (March 16) at the University of Montana.

Joe B. Parks of Falls Church, Va., SRS associate administrator, will present the main points and philosophy of the President's welfare reform plan at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (March 16) in 361 A-B-C of the University Center.

His remarks will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Parks, a welfare recipient, an employee of a welfare program and a political figure from the Missoula area. Names of all the panelists are to be announced by Robert L. Deaton, an assistant professor and project director in social welfare at UM, who is program coordinator.

Carol Brett, a member of the Missoula League of Women Voters, will be panel moderator.

Thursday's program, which is open to the public without charge, is cosponsored by the Program Council of the Associated Students of UM and UM social welfare department.

Parks, who also is a deputy assistant to the HEW secretary, joined HEW in 1966 as deputy director of general services. Since then he has served as director of the department's management consulting service, acting director of the Office of Management Systems and SRS associate administrator.

He has been responsible for coordination of the Offices of Policy Coordination, Program Planning and Evaluation, Administration and Field Operations and the National Center for Social Statistics.

Parks began his government career in 1940 with the Bituminous Coal Commission, shortly after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in public administration. He was awarded the Bronze Star for service in the Army during World War II.

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