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Crackdown on Parking Has a Lot of Loopholes

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President Carter's crackdown on free or cut-rate parking for federal employees isn't as extensive as administration officials make it out to be.

It's going to hurt a considerable number of employees in the pocket-book, no doubt about that.

But there are a lot of loopholes that still will permit free or cut-rate parking in a lot of places.

What administration officials didn't realize was that many government unions' locals and branches have negotiated contracts with agencies giving their members free or cut-rate parking privileges.

Ironically, under the new civil service reform law so urgently sought by Carter, these privileges cannot be curtailed or ended as long as the contracts stay in effect.

Also, many installations, mostly military, are in areas where there is no comparable private parking on which to make comparisons, and consequently civilian employees will continue with their free parking privileges.

The Office of Management and Budget's rule of thumb on this will be that free parking will be permitted to continue if the "fair value" of private parking rates in an area are less than \$10 a month. In many military and other government installations, the going private parking rate is less than \$10 a month and consequently federal employees there would continue to get free parking privileges.

Nevertheless, a lot of government workers will be adversely affected by Carter's order and will suffer financially. As the American Federation of Government Employees points out, it is the lower salaried federal worker who will be least able to afford higher parking rates or car pool fees or the cost of public transportation.

Actually, Carter's directive was more of a public relations move than anything else, federal union leaders feel.

If it was meant to serve as an example for the private sector to save fuel by ordering more car pooling among workers, it was a flop.

There is no indication of increased car pooling among Americans because of Carter's action. Free parking is one of the prime fringe benefits among many employees in the private sector. Also, members of Congress and legislative employees as well as postal workers continue with free parking privileges.

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save energy by increasing car pool-

ing among government workers, the resultant savings are only a drop in the proverbial bucket as far as the nation's energy use is concerned. It's like trying to empty the Pacific Ocean by scooping out a few cups of water.

Meanwhile, Carter's action is viewed by government employee leaders as another move by the administration against federal workers and a further eroding of employee morale.

Incidentally, the crackdown on free and cut-rate parking for federal employees is reportedly the brainchild of an OMB official, Nick Stoer. Stoer fought for years to impose such curbs as part of the energy conservation program and suddenly succeeded this year when the administration revived the energy crisis issue.

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Both the House Civil Service and Judiciary Committees have approved legislation to give added protection to government officials and top level careerists against unethical prying into their public financial statements. Sponsored by Rep. Herbert Harris, D-Va., the provisions amend the new ethics act by requiring that those seeking to examine the public financial statements must give their names and addresses and the purpose of their perusal of the financial statements.

These requirements would help enforce provisions of the ethics act that forbid the use of public financial statements for commercial purposes (other than the gathering of news by the media), credit ratings or solicitation of money for political or other purposes.

Under the new ethics law, all federal careerists in supergrades GS-16 and above as well as government political appointees must file annual public financial statements.

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The House Post Office Committee has approved the postal reform bill sponsored by Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Calif.

The main features of the bill, HR-79, would increase public service financing of the Postal Service and require direct presidential appointment of the Postmaster General and abolish the board of governors.

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The Federal Executives League will hold its 5th annual meeting this Saturday at 1800 G street NW, board room 540. Keynote speaker will be Ronald McCluskey, staff director of the House Civil Service Compensation and Employee Benefits Committee who will discuss "Federal Pensions and Social Security."

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