

2. GOVERNOR CAHILL SEEKS IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANTS---In a statement released November 8, Governor William T. Cahill pledged support for "new measures to protect the health and well-being of seasonal workers on farms." Of particular importance to Legal Services attorneys and OEO field workers is Governor Cahill's intention to take action on the problems of access and visitation which are involved in State v. Shack, noted below. The Governor stated,

Refusals to permit federal and state anti-poverty, health and education officials to visit migrant labor camps have too often frustrated attempts to improve the lives of seasonal workers. In order that the benefits of federal and state programs reach migrants and their families, I will recommend legislation granting reasonable visitation privileges to farm workers, while at the same time protecting the rights of farmers.

3. STATE OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES SUBMITS AMICUS BRIEF IN MIGRANT CASE ---Carl R. Lobel of the State Office of Legal Services has submitted an amicus curiae brief to the Appellate Division in the case of State v. Shack. That case, previously noted in 23 State Clearing House Report 10 (October, 1970), involved the arrest of a Legal Services attorney and an anti-poverty worker on charges of trespassing on premises utilized as a migrant labor camp. The OEO employees were convicted on the trespass charges in Municipal Court, and their convictions were upheld by the Cumberland County Court. The case is presently pending before the Appellate Division. The amicus brief is an extensively revised version of the one submitted to the Municipal Court and noted in 22 State Clearing House Report 1 (September, 1970).

