

Foundation Award For Pasco Work

Assistant Labor Secretary Arthur Fletcher yesterday was given the Freedoms Foundation Award for his work in a manpower plan in a depressed area in Pasco.

A Freedoms Foundation official, Bert Langhenry, said Fletcher "has proven with words and deeds that the impossible dream can come true."

He congratulated Fletcher for using "more character and less characters" in his work.

Langhenry said the assistant secretary, a Negro, was chosen for the annual award over thousands of other nominees.

President Nixon said in a telegram that Fletcher's work "is an example of what the Nixon administration stands for and is trying to achieve."

Fletcher said the award stemmed from work he had done in a depressed neighborhood in Pasco. He said:

"We took that severely depressed neighborhood and induced the people there to form their own development corporation.



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ART FLETCHER
Wins top award

"And then to use their own money to underwrite that corporation for the first year by buying shares of stock at 15 and 20 cents a week.

"These neighborhood folks now own a shopping center site, which they are beginning to develop."