The estimated $1.3 million Berkeley school's budget deficit should be significantly reduced by the discovery of a $470,000 to $700,000 error in the school district's preliminary figures.

The error over-estimates future expenses. It was uncovered by Robert Whyte, a Berkeley High teacher.

It would appear that the district is richer than expected, although the actual figure could be lower than early estimates.

Impact is being studied by the district business office and Whyte's group, the budget committee of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers.

Effect will make it easier for the district to balance its budget for 1976-77.

However, it is probably something less than the "pot of gold" which teachers are often accused of seeking under the floorboards of school district offices.

Whyte and his BFT committee indicate the error is $700,000.

The district business office admits an error, but places it at $470,000.

The problem, according to district officials, came after the business office improperly eliminated income which would be cut off by the phasing out of certain projects.

—There were a failure to eliminate several corresponding expense items which relate the contracts and services needed for the same projects, they said.

Those expenditures erroneously

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husbanding of our limited resources.
That was a reference to the unorthodox political message of "lower expectations" that has won popular acceptance for Brown in his 14 month administration.

Because the world's resources are limited, Brown says, Americans face an "era of limits" in which they ultimately face the prospect of working harder for fewer material benefits.

Brown said that is a message which he wants "to elevate" to national attention by becoming a candidate.

He was asked if he would try only to unify California's 280-member delegation in the traditional favorite son role, whether he is seeking a platform for his views, or if he really wants to be President.

"After a pause, Brown replied, "The answer is yes, I want to be President."

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remained in the budget projections, and correction of this would make the district about $750,000 to the good.

The impact is diminished, according to the district, by the fact that other expenditure figures are increasing and there are reductions in estimates of future income in other areas of the budget.

Judy Bodenhagen, BFT president, said the fact that the school district is $700,000 better off should enable the district to cancel all plans for laying off staff.

She said, "A careful monitoring of this year's expenditures to make sure that budgets are not overspent, coupled with normal attrition and the elimination of ratio pay, should create a budget surplus of over $500,000."

The $500,000 surplus assumes that the district can save more than $1 million in economies omitting staff layoffs, after taking into account the budgeting error.