

## From The Grassroots

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the Black middle class comprehends is that the current economic plight of Afro-America is an integral part of a worldwide crisis of capitalism. Reaganism, its British counterpart, Thatcherism, and the conservative fiscal policies of Japan, West Germany and other capitalist countries have escalated unemployment throughout the West. Total unemployment in all Western countries has soared from 10 million in 1971-72 to a projected 31 million by the end of 1982. Reagan's July 1 "tax cut" has not increased U.S. corporate investment or consumer spending. Conversely, European basic industries, such as shipbuilding, steel, and petrochemicals, are "all in deep trouble," according to the *Wall Street Journal*. British unemployment exceeds 13 percent and even Japanese unemployment is at a post-World War II record. The Western crisis in capital accumulation has forced pay cuts in worker's salaries in virtually every nation. In 1980 the average West German worker, for example, received \$12.26 an hour; last year, the average salary was \$10.47. In the U.S. a similar process of capitalist austerity has occurred. Average wage increases in the first contract year for settlements made by unions at least 1,000 workers declined from 11.8 percent in April-June, 1981, to 2.2 percent in January-March, 1982. The result for U.S. Black workers was entirely predictable: official adult unemployment above 18 percent; Black youth unemployment, 58 percent; the failure of over 30 percent of all Black-owned businesses in 1982 alone.

The recession of 1982 illustrates with painful clarity the essential political bankruptcy of the Black middle class "leaders" and organizations. Unable and unwilling to advance a socialist reorganization of America's political economy, they rely upon corporate paternalism, Federal jobs programs and "self-help efforts" which have all been tried without success. Responding to the economic desperation of the Black working class and poor, they offer the rhetoric more suitable to the age of Booker T. Washington. Without an anticapitalist and militant Black national alternative, it appears likely that no meaningful solution to the long-term crisis of Black underdevelopment will be achieved.

## Minority Fellowship

The National Research Council plans to award approximately 35 Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a program designed to provide opportunities for continued education and experience in research to American Indians and Alaskan Natives (Eskimo or Aleut), Black Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, and Puerto Ricans. Fellowship recipients will be selected from among scientists, engineers, and scholars in the humanities who show greatest promise of future achievement in academic research and scholarship in higher education.

In this national competition sponsored by the Ford Foundation, citizens of the United States who are members of one of the designated minority groups, who are preparing for or

already engaged in college or university teaching, and who hold doctoral degrees may apply for a fellowship award of one year's duration.

Awards will be made in the areas of behavioral and social sciences, humanities, EMP fields (engineering sciences, mathematics, physical sciences), life sciences, and for interdisciplinary programs of study. Awards will not be made in professions such as medicine, law, or social work, or in such areas as educational administration, curriculum supervision, or personnel and guidance. Tenure of

As many seniors contemplate the end of their college careers they also look forward to jumping into the swelling numbers of job-seekers. Lucky ones have already interviewed on campus and are merely counting the days until graduation. The majority, however, are trying to figure out the best places to start looking.

Of the ten fastest-growing markets in the 1980's, eight will be in the Southwest, according to the firm Chase Econometrics. The top growth areas are (in order): Houston, Ft. Lauderdale, Tucson, Las Vegas, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Austin, Phoenix, El

fellowship provides postdoctoral research experience at an appropriate nonprofit institution of the Fellow's choice, such as a research university, government laboratory, national laboratory, privately-sponsored nonprofit institute, or a center for advanced study.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is January 14, 1983. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418.

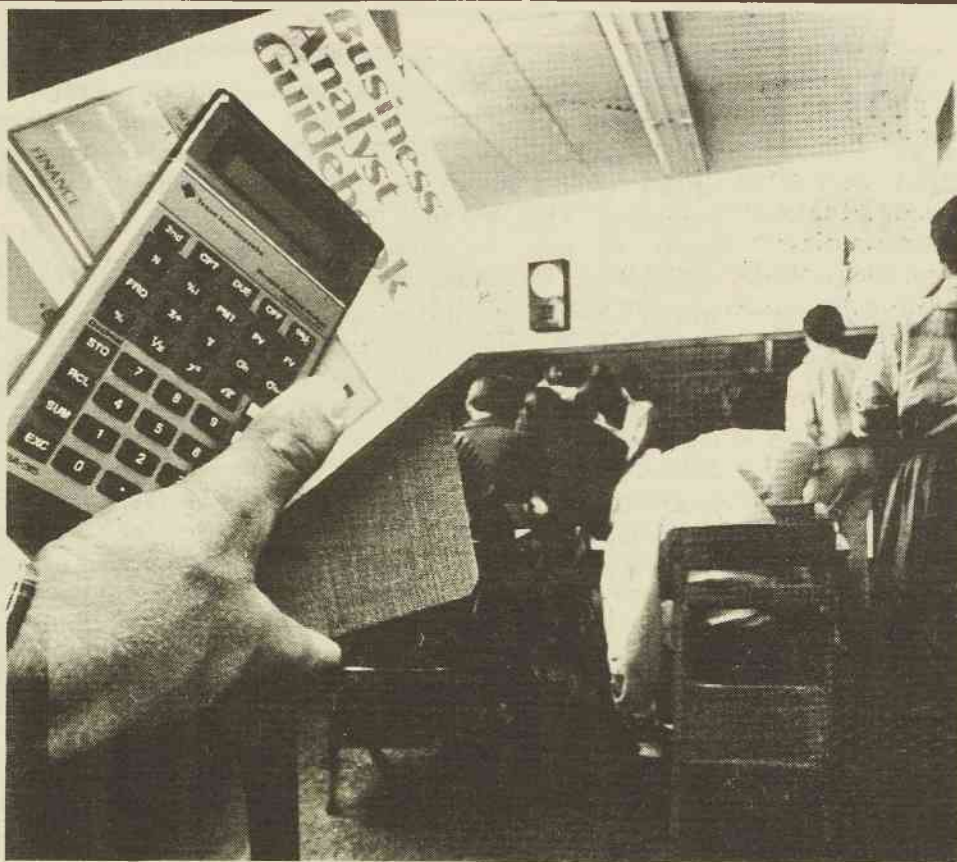
## Where The Jobs Are

Paso, and San Diego.

The search for jobs will increase as current freshmen fight their way toward graduation. A recent survey of nearly 200,000 freshmen indicates that financial success is a big reason many of them are in school and making money is an important goal in their lives.

A decade ago fewer than half the freshmen said that being able to make money was very important. Now 67 percent say it's a very important reason for going to school.

Directors of the survey say the increased materialism is accompanied by increased political conservatism.



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## Genetics Linked To Depression

Students who sometimes find themselves wondering what they're doing at school or why nothing they do turns out right may be suffering from a mild form of mental depression.

A recent study at the University of Rochester Medical School indicates that depression is a illness that may be influenced by genetics.

Depression is not believed to be inherited, but a person's genetic structure may determine a predisposition toward depression.

This knowledge may help professional counselors to understand the causes of depression and manic-depressive behavior (extreme changes between happiness and sadness) and it may aid in determining those persons who are susceptible.