



U.S. Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) congratulates Sp. 4 Anthony Gray of Philadelphia, and his family following the presentation ceremony in the Senator's Washington office. From left are: Herbert Gray, 23, and his wife (in background); Bernard Gray, 14; Senator Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Gray; Miss Lydia Procter; Anthony Gray; Ronald Gray, 22; and Larry Gray, 17.

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BY LANK LEONARD

NON-WHITE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE TO 7.8 PERCENT DURING MAY

WASHINGTON — The non-white employment rate among non-whites rose five-tenths of 1 percent in May, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. It is the highest nonwhite rate since last August when it stood at 8 percent. The rate was 7.3 in April, 7.4 in March,

7.1 in February, 6.6 in January and 7.4 in May 1966. The overall jobless rate—at 3.8 percent—stayed within the range that has prevailed since the beginning of last year. Between April and May, unemployment advanced less than usual, but the civilian labor force also failed to show the normal seasonal increase, keeping the seasonally-adjusted level of unemployment virtually unchanged. Weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers, at \$112.84 in May, were up only 80 cents from a year earlier despite an increase of 10 cents in average hourly earnings. The relatively small over-the-year increase in weekly earnings resulted from a 1.2-hour decline in the factory work-sheet since May 1966. In the first 5 months of this year, the unemployment of persons 16 years old and over averaged 72.9 million—an increase of 1.5 million over the same period a year ago. Employment of adult men was up 450,000, with adult women and teenagers showing gains of 850,000, respectively.

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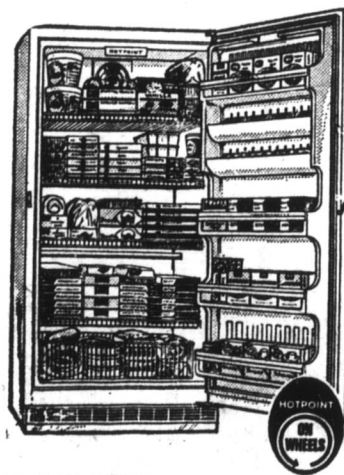
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