

Advices Way to Locate Black Americans Missed in '70 Census

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Urban League announced recently that its Research Department has devised a system to locate the more than five million black Americans not counted in the 1970 Census.

That system and its statistical soundness were the subjects of a press conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel, site of the National Urban League 1973 Annual Conference.

Dr. Robert B. Hill, director of the NUL Research Department, detailed the implementation of the system following repeated, but futile efforts to convince the U. S. Census Bureau to devise a method to pin-point the exact locations of black Americans it admits were overlooked in the 1970 national count.

According to Dr. Hill, one of the most critical adverse effects of the distorted Census count is the fact that states and cities across the nation are losing millions of dollars in Revenue Sharing and other Federal appropriations.

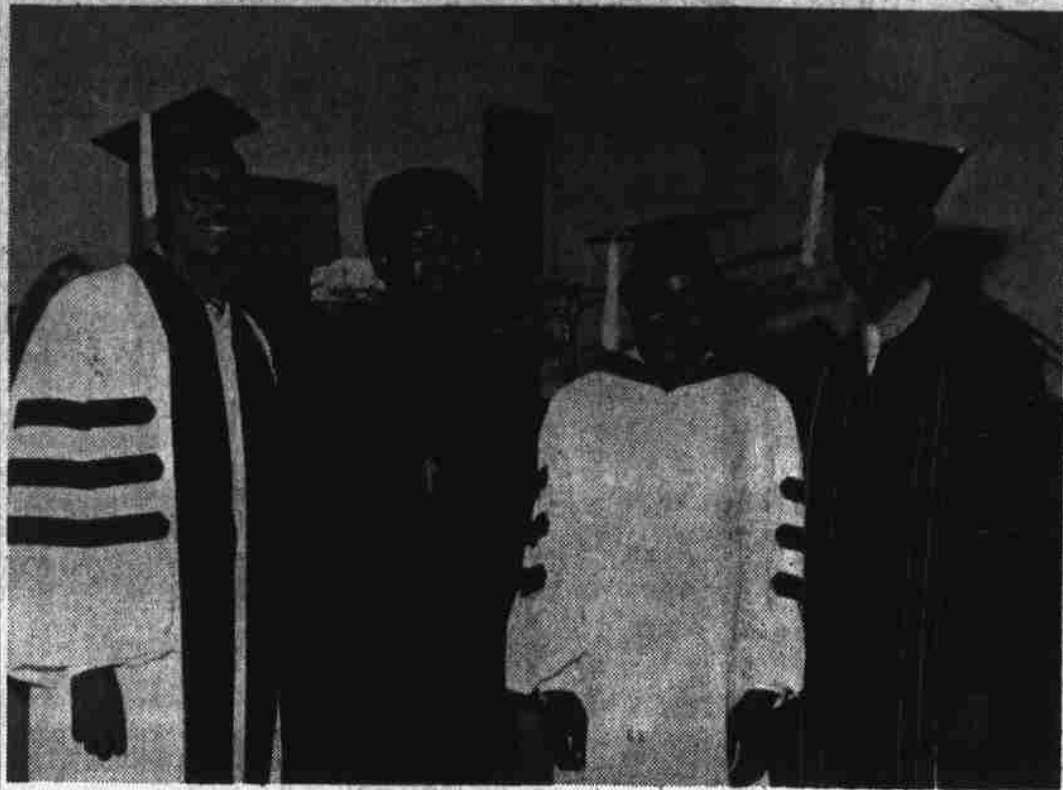
As an example, he reports that New York State has lost \$15.1 million in Revenue

Sharing Funds because its population was undercounted by 493,774. New York City, Dr. Hill said, lost \$6.7 million because of the undercount. In terms of people, the report said 186,352 blacks went uncounted in New York State, with New York City accounting for 143,048 of that total. Similar statistics were included in the study for 32 selected cities and the 50 states.

The study also shows that nearly one-and-a-half million residents of the four other larger states — California, Illinois, Texas and Pennsylvania — were also missed.

Dr. Hill also stated that while black Americans were grossly uncounted, other minorities were equally victimized by the inaccurate tabulations.

The Urban League's undertaking is not only designed to correct these population distortions, but to pin-point the location of these missing Americans which will enable Federal agencies to more accurately and equitably distribute federal funds.



OSOFO BECOMES PAPA — Left to right are Dr. William A. Reeves, acting chairman of Board of Directors of Union Christian Bible Institute; the Honoree, Dr. McDonald; Dr. Alexander D. Moseley, Dean of Union Christian Bible Institute; and Dr. Lorrie W. Reid, President of Union Christian Bible Institute.

Osofo McDonald Becomes "Papa" Or Doctor

Recently, Osofo La Fayette H. McDonald became Dr. McDonald or "Papa Osofo" as the Doctrate of Divinity Degree was conferred upon him. Dr. McDonald is a "people oriented minister"

who serves the community in many capacities. He is the Pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, College Minister at Durham College,

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Operation Breakthrough, Inc., and a very able "communicator" on Just Older Youth Time (JOY TIME) as heard over WAFR FM.

Diabetes Eighth Leading Cause Of Death in North Carolina

RALEIGH — North Carolina ranked sixth in the nation in the total number of persons screened for diabetes in 1972, according to John Griswold, Diabetes Program Manager, Chronic Disease Branch, Division of Health Services.

Over 33,422 people were screened in local health departments and mass screening clinics. Another 18,000 were tested in multiphasic screening clinics.

Of the total number tested, 1,464 were referred to their doctors as diabetes suspects. Over 176 persons were found to be diabetics, and 103 were diagnosed borderline.

Local health departments did most of the screening, retesting and referring to private doctors through ongoing clinics.

Mass diabetes clinics were conducted in cooperation with local medical societies, health departments, Lions Clubs, and diabetes associations. Clinics were held in High Point, Kenansville, Wilmington, Statesville, and Asheboro and screened 5,230 people.

Diabetes was the eighth leading cause of death in North Carolina in 1971, and the second leading cause of blindness. Heart attacks occur two and one-half times more frequently in diabetics. It is estimated that one percent of North Carolina's population has diabetes, and that another 40,000 have the disease and don't know it.

The test for diabetes is simple and relatively painless. A drop or two of capillary blood is taken by means of a slight prick of the finger. The blood is mixed with a sodium fluoride solution which acts as a preservative until the specimen can be mailed to the biochemistry branch of the Division of Health Services in Raleigh for analyzing. A blood

specimen must be analyzed within 72 hours from the time it is taken.

Any person who has screened 140 milligrams percent or greater is recommended to have the test repeated two hours after a meal. Neither the Division of Health Services nor the county health departments diagnose; they only act as a referral service to the private doctor.

It has been demonstrated that diabetes is more common and hence found more readily in certain population groups which are often called "high risk groups," according to Dr. Isa Grant, head of the Chronic Disease Branch.

"Age seems to be one of the foremost factors in influencing the appearance of clinical diabetes," Dr. Grant explained. "Studies have shown that blood glucose levels rise steadily with age. About 70 percent of all diabetics are over 45 years of age at the time of diagnosis; only four percent are children.

"Any individual with a family history of diabetes must be considered a potential diabetic. Nevertheless, it is advisable to screen those who do not know whether anyone in the family has a history of diabetes," Dr. Grant cautioned.

"There is a correlation between diabetes and obesity, but a direct relationship has not been proven. It is not entirely clear whether obesity is a cause of diabetes or an affect of the disease," she said.

The excess of females among know diabetics, together with the difficulties that are encountered in pregnancy among diabetic women, has also suggested a relationship between child bearing and diabetes.

Who develops diabetes? Dr. Grant suggests diabetes is most likely to be found among those who are over 40 years of age, obese, blood relatives of diabetics, mothers who have given birth to babies that weigh nine pounds or more at birth and women who have shown carbohydrate intolerance during pregnancy.

WATER HEATER

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Injury Out Of Role

NAKANJOJO, Japan Saburo Shinoda, 24, known as the invincible "Ultraman Taro" to fans of his children's television show, was hospitalized after a bus smashed into a wall while carrying him to a filming site.

Canadian Elected Lions International President



OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS—Tris Coffin of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, was elected President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the Association's 56th Annual Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. The Association is the largest service club organization in the world. It is a non-political, non-sectarian association with over one million members in clubs in 149 countries and geographic areas.

An optician, Coffin has been a member of the Montreal (Central) Lions Club since 1939. He and his family reside in Rosemere, a Montreal suburb.

President Coffin's theme for his year in office will be, "One Million Men Serving Mankind". Of his new responsibilities Coffin says, "Lionism is an organization that looks beyond the horizon, that seeks out the good in every man. Our goal is simple: to make the entire world a better, healthier, happier place where man can live in the spirit of peace and understanding".

Teens Play Major Role In Production of Pageant

DANVILLE, Va.: Pageants Unlimited Inc., the non-profit sponsoring organization of the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant will not only feature teenage contestants but the behind the scenes crew of the organization is manned by outstanding young people. Heading the list is the Pageant Director, Patricia Wilson, 18, and responsible for the on stage production and routines for each night's program. Pat's assistant is 19-year-old Phyllis Hamlett whose chief duty is staging and choreography both are college students and former Pageant participants. Marvin Jones, 17 is Assistant Stage Manager, his roles includes being responsible for talent

props, sounds and lights. Marva Hicks, 17, is Production Assistant and Pageant Entertainer. Marva will sing during the Pageant Finals and assist with the Contestants' Talent Presentations. Ronald Charity, President and Founder of the Pageant remarked, "Our pageant is geared toward the total involvement of teenagers at all levels of our operation. We are determined to prove to the world that young black people have the abilities and wat to do something positive, if given the opportunity. We are not interested in self-glory or building one individual. The reason for our involvement of teenagers in the production is in the direction of their

pageant." Young people are also included among the panel of judges. One is John Lucas, University of Maryland Basketball and Tennis star. Also a judge is Miss Bonnie Logan, a member of the touring Virginia Slims Professional Tennis Players. The Pageant Preliminaries begin Wednesday, August 15th, in the Birmingham City Auditorium; the second preliminary is Thursday, August 16th, and the top 15 finalists will compete for the title on Friday, August 17th, all in the Birmingham City Auditorium. \$50,000 in College Scholarships will go to the 15 finalists along with prizes from Eastman Kodak, J. T. Cross Pen Co.

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