JOBS AND TRAINING FOR MINORITIES

A \$970,631.00 contract with the Washington, D. C.-based Southern Railway Company to help train and provide jobs for 1,164 minorities, disadvantaged and unemployed during 1977, was announced recently be the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The one-year agreement continues a similar program con conducted by Southern in 1976, which resulted in the training of 1,230 persons and their subsequent placement in various mechanical, clerical, informational, and train service jobs throughout Southern's 10,500-mile system in 13 southeastern

Individuals selected for training will be recruited from the areas in which they will be offered jobs. The selection will be made in cooperation with U. S. Employment offices, and other federal and state agencies.

US FIRMS AID AFRICAN EXPLOITATION

NEW YORK - An executive of the National Council of Churches has told 35 businesses here that sell or advertise the South African Krugerrand that they have "perhaps unintentionally become an accessory to repression and exploitation . ."

Robert C. S. Powell, the Council's Africa director, said in a letter to New York area businesses that U. S. sales of the gold South African coins are helping the white regime solve its balance of payments crisis and maintain "a social stability that is based on decades of racial injustice."

"Selling this gold is like selling the blood of black Africa miners," Powell said: He added that South African government officials need U. S. dollars to "continue their repression and killing of any blacks who fight for what is theirs."

Noting that "one major department store in New York when urged to stop selling the Krugerrand agreed to do so," Powell called on the retailers and advertisers to also "desist from selling the Krugerrand obtained from cheap black labor in the mines."

**END PRIVATE BIAS** 

NEW YORK - Regarding the "recent flurry" over Attorney General-designate Griffin Bell's club memberships, the President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews says that the more shameful fact is that "in every nunor city in this country there are still some social and country clubs which refuse to admit blacks, Jews, Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, Mexican Americans, Asians or women.'

Dr. David Hyatt, in a statement issued from the NCCJ's national headquarters here, said that although open membership in social and country clubs has a lower priority as opposed to the needs of minority groups for equal opportunity in jobs, housing and education "It is nevertheless a shameful practice on which the spotlight of public opinion must be focused until it is finally eliminated.

He called upon all social and country clubs to change their past practices and open their doors to all Americans regardless

of race, creed, or color. He urged all NCCJ staff and lay leadership, through its network of 70 regional offices and 200 chapters, "to make every possible effort through personal contact, discussions and conferences, to sensitize community leaders and club officers and

members to this sin of exclusion because of race, creed, or sex." **EEOC LITIGATION** 

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission coming off its busiest litigation year ever, filed 99 lawsuits and court set tlements between July 1 and September 30, 1976. The legal actions were taken to aid vistims of job discrimination.

The Office of General Counsel reports that the five regional offices handling EEOC litigation continued processing cases at an accelerated pace during the transition quarter. That was the three-months added to the fiscal year in 1976 to make fiscal years end September 30 instead of June 30 from now on.

During the normal 12 month span of Fiscal Year 1976, the EEOC filed 414 lawsuits and court settlements. The 99 actions initiated during the transition quarter make a total of 513 filings for the extended 1976 fiscal year. That figure dwarfs the previous high of 318 total court-filed actions recorded during FY

1975. Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended in 1972, the EEOC initiates civil action in Federal district court when conciliation efforts fail to end job discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The EEOC is the Government's sole litigant of Title VII matters in the private sector.

Arthur Unger, TV critic for The Christian Science Monitor, says, "The Monitor doesn't feel it has to review TV shows that aren't worthwhile. Our function is to help readers not waste time - help them become more selective viewers." Would that this feeling would go for some movie critics those that can use up nearly a whole page damning a film. If it takes up all that space to say it's so bad it could whet up the appetites of some readers to plank down \$4 to go see it.

The Small Business Administration reportedly is challenging the eligibility of 15 firms in Southeastern states to participate in a program for minorities. The report states that more than half of 29 firms the SBA audited apparently are not controlled by blacks, Latins, cr other disadvantaged people as required by law.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Thomas Bradley has announced his candidacy for a second term to head the nation's third largest city. In NYC, Manhattan Borough President is reported ready to announce he is runn' is for mayor even if Mayor Beame seeks reelection.

### Illinois Prison Charged With Bias And Cruelty

filed civil suits charging wide- ton Moore, executive director spread deprivations of the civil of the county department of rights of inmates of the 17 corrections, and the state. Illinois state penal facilities with the Cook County Jail in

According to the Department the state suit charged that state officials have violated the Eighth and Fourteently Amendments to the Constitution by inflicting cruel and unusual punishment on inmates and depriving them of life and liberty without due process of law.

H. Levi said one suit was filed in U. S. District Court in Springfield, Illinois, against Governor Daniel Walker, Governor Daniel Charles Rowe, acting director of the department of corrections, and the state.

A second suit was filed in U. S. District Court iin Chicago Richard Elrod, the 16 county criminatory practices.

The Department of Justice commissioners, Rowe, Wins-

The 17 adult state penal institutions and facilities house some 9,700 inmates. The county jail houses more than 4,000 inmates on any given

The suit said the state has failed to provide safe and sanitary living conditions by overcrowding.

Both suits asked the courts to issue permanent injunctions Attorney General Edward forbidding state and county officials from continuing the alleged unconstitutional practices and requiring them to improve penal conditions to meet constitutional standards.

The state suit also asked the court to order state officials to abolish racial segregation in penal institutions against Cook County Sheriff and to end all alleged dis-

## NATIONAL NEWS NOTES Joan Little Files Grievance With NCGC

Little has filed a grievance with the North Carolina Inmates Grievance Commission charging uneq al treatment at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women.

Ms. Little's complaint to the Grievance Commission grew ut of her being charged with an infraction of prison contraband after a search of her no 1 'y Captain Max B rbor. Barbour's seach of another inmate's room on the same day disclosed items prohibited by the prison but that inmate, Nancy Sloop, was not charged with an offense.

Ms. Little said that she questioned Barbour about the unequal treatment and he said that "while all inmates are equal they are not treated equal." Barbour did not deny The sistement but said that 't was taken out feorfext. Barbeur said that Sloop was not charged because it was her first offense. Ms. Sloop's contra- the state. band was found a few days prior to her parole review by

The charge came just two weeks before Ms. Little was re-N. C. Parole Commission. Her

disobeyed a prison official piler. last July and got into a fight with an inmate that same in ide the prison continue to month.

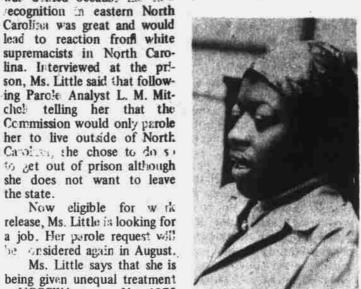
was denied because her take recognition in eastern North Carolina was great and would lead to reaction from white supremacists in North Carolina. Interviewed at the prison, Ms. Little said that following Parole Analyst L. M. Mitchel telling her that the Commission would only parole her to live outside of North. Carolina, the chose to do s. to get out of prison although

Now eligible for w rk release, Ms. Little is looking for the N. C. Paroles Commission. a job. Her perole request will onsidered again in August.

Ms. Little says that she is viewed for parole by the being given unequal treatment at NCCCW because of 1 or 1975 acquit'al for the murder of 62

RALEIGH (CCNS) - Joan parole was denied by the year old Beaufort County jull-le has filed a grievance with Communion because Charter er Clarence Alligood during a North Carolina Inmates and Jack Scism said that she sexual attack from her by that

Ms. Litt'e and that whites display racist sertiments to-The Parole Commission wards her as a result of her was considering paroling Ms. a qui al. She displayed a Little to Virginia to the Christmas card addressed "To Catholic Diocese, after re- Black Joan Little," which read, fusing to obsider paroling "May you enjoy all the curkey her to her home in eastern and dressing in jail and not out North Carolina. Cha mr Jack on bail, also your Et arry of Scism said Ms. Little's request crime and maider bring a lot of



Ms. Little



MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - Member of the House Committee on Asses !nations said in its final report the question of whether cons, iracies existed in the assassinations of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King still is unresolved, and urged the new congress to cortinue the investigation. Members of the committee are (L-R) Walter E. Fauntroy, D., D. C., Richard Sprague, chief counsel of the committee, and Thomas N. Downing, D., Va., chairman of the committee, (UPI).

Rockwell, N. C. December 20, confederate soliders flocked to Rockwell.

happiness to a 'clear con- the day of M3 Little's parole the Klan during Reconstrucscience' on this your 22nd de:da' Rockwell, located in tion. North Carolina's Grand Xmas. A friend of Alligood's" Rowan County, has been a Dragon during the 1960's, The and was postmarked Ku Klux Klan strenghold since Robert (Bob) Janes ived in



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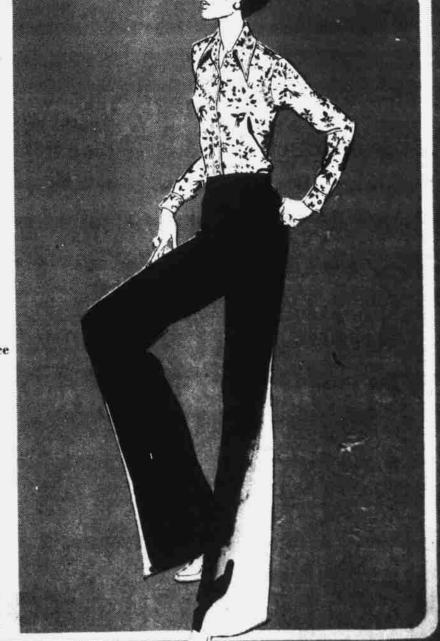
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