

Unemployment Rising

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Official unemployment figure is 16.8 per cent. If you include the discouraged who are no longer seeking employment, it goes up to 24.6 per cent. One out of every four blacks is unemployed today."

Speaking at a luncheon meeting, she said, "The government has promised a lot of jobs by 1986. But if you are unemployed and hungry today, that's not a lot of comfort. . . . What are poor people supposed to do while the economy gets on the track? Keep up your agitation," she urged. "It is unpatriotic to be silent in the face of injustice."

Speaking that evening, on the panel that included Julian Bond, Dr. Harvey Brenner of Johns Hopkins University reported on research at Johns Hopkins that reveals that the poorer a country or region, the shorter the average life span. He also pointed out that it has been proven that economic conditions are the dominant factor in developing what we understand as character and morality. "As economic conditions break down," he said, "people become capable of behavior so shocking that they are unable to talk about it afterward."

Brenner said that it has been shown that unemployment and deteriorating economic conditions have strong relations to violent crime and the destruction of property. He warned, "In this country we are facing simultaneously high rates of violence, and a large increase of violence against minorities. Unless and until we come to terms with unemployment and economic distress, we will not be able to control violence."

The church itself was challenged by the speakers and by the participants who gathered in denominational "hope groups" to analyze racism within their own institutional structures and to plan strategies for dealing with racism they identified.

Bishop James Armstrong, president of the National Council of Churches, opened the consultation with a challenge: "Our task here is more poignant, more direct than we would have believed two years ago. The theme is oneness. We are now at a more crucial place for wiping out racism, and bringing justice, than in any time before or during the last 200 years."

Dr. Claire Randall, general secretary of the NCC, followed up this challenge with a closing speech, a renewal of the commitment of the nation's largest ecumenical agency. "The commitment of the National Council of Churches to racial justice is serious and has been since its founding in 1950," she said.

"Given what was achieved in the '60s, we did not expect to be again where we are today in the struggle to overcome racism in this country."

"Our major strategy in the Council now is to find new ways of education and communication that will make it possible for a larger number of people to understand the present situation," Randall continued, "and to make more visible to people the needs of those who are the least visible in our society."

During the conference, white churches were called on to be especially conscientious about the struggle for civil rights. The Rev. Thomas Kilgore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, spoke at noon Thursday and urged white churches to continue to support racial justice now, in their own churches and communities, with the same fervor that they supported the struggle during the 1950s and '60s when the struggle was in the South.

Dr. Anwar Barkat, director of the World

council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism, challenged not only the church but also the U.S. Constitution in his speech at noon Wednesday. "Racism is always ultimately a war against people," he said. "This country has a white constitution written by whites to benefit whites. Others can get only crumbs from this document."

"The scar of white racism in the world," he said, "is that it has been preserved in the name of Jesus Christ. Racism is not only a sin and an evil but also a crime against humanity. . . . There can be no peace of any kind in the world unless there is justice."

How to correct the ills that had been placed before them by the speakers was the task of various strategy sessions. In addition to gathering in the denominational groups, the participants also met in workshops from which came the conference's major resolutions.

Most denominational groups concluded that very few minorities were employed in decision-making positions in the institutional church. Group members left with a renewed commitment to affirmative action within the church and to putting pressure on key decision-makers to insure that minority viewpoints are represented in church structures.

In addition to the resolutions in the "Call to the Nation," the conference also noted the alarming rise in Ku Klux Klan and other racist violence; said that "Haitian refugees are victimized as a consequence of racism in the U.S."; and addressed problems of hunger, racism in the media, the connections between racism, militarism and the Third World, and called for continuing federal support for education.

Sheriff

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Currently a staff of 28 deputies divided into four squads with four lieutenants included, make up the patrol division, operating around the clock. Allen said there are ten or eleven patrolmen working each shift.

An aggressive crime prevention program, Allen said, is also in place to help the fight against crime. It includes Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification. Currently, about 200 residential areas participate, he said.

Of the six major crimes — burglary, larceny, rape, robbery, murder and motor vehicle theft — burglary and larceny are highest in reported cases — 709 and 826 in 1980 and 1981 respectively. In the first two months of 1982, there were 125 reported cases of larceny and 110 burglaries reported, according to the records division of the sheriff's department.

In larger Wake County, by comparison, reported cases of burglary and larceny totaled 1,633 and 1,630, respectively, in 1981, an official said.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Bowe and Leary also charged that the department's law enforcement efforts are hampered by uneducated and untrained deputies.

Both challengers propose to encourage deputies to attend school — either police academies or four-year institutions with criminal justice programs, allowing officers to leave work with pay to attend classes.

Presently, deputies who further their education beyond the minimum high school diploma requirement have to fit their schedule around their work, Allen said.

Bowe questioned the credibility of the in-service training program

Denver Colorado To Host Shriners Annual Session

DENVER — The 89th session of the Imperial Council, Prince Hall Shriners and the 71st annual session of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis, the women's auxiliary, will meet in Denver, Colo. August 15-21. Some 30,000 persons are expected to attend and they will spend more than \$12,000,000 during their week-long stay.

Since Denver, Colorado is known as the "Mile High City," Dr. G. Wesley Allen, imperial director of medical services for the PH Shrine organization offers some suggestions and information to those planning to attend.

What is High Altitude? Broadly interpreted, high altitude could be said to be anything 5,280 feet (1,609 kilometers) in elevation. About three-quarters of the nation's land above 10,000 feet lies in Colorado. Colorado's average elevation is 6,800 feet.

What are the Effects of High Altitude? The two main changes in the high altitude environment, not present at sea level, are decreased oxygen content and decreased humidity or moisture content in the surrounding air. A sudden change in the environment from sea level to altitude can produce symptoms of nausea, insomnia, diarrhea, restlessness, shortness of breath and air hunger. Palpitations or fast heart beat, headache, nasal congestion, cough, increased flatulence or "gas", easy fatigue and intolerance to exertion also may be experienced.

If the high altitude progresses, more shortness of breath and increased cough and edema or fluid accumulation in the lungs occur requiring medical attention and possible hospitalization. Symptoms of altitude sickness, according to

the American Medical Association are breathlessness, drowsiness, headaches, a light-headed feeling; sometimes blueness of the nails, lips nose and ears; a feeling of warmth and flushing of the face soon after arrival; troubled sleep and irritability. Most symptoms usually subside within a few hours, but the American Medical Association recommends you reduce your physical activity, eat very lightly, and go to bed for a few hours upon arrival. If any of the symptoms do not go away in a short time, notify your Shrine Physicians.

What can be done to adapt to high altitude? Upon arrival to high altitude, don't overdo. Eat lightly. For the first 48-72 hours avoid alcohol. Alcohol aggravates the high altitude syndrome. Most of all, keep physical exertion to a minimum the first day. Over-exertion before your body can adapt to the lower oxygen and dryness result in more severe and persistent symptoms.

If you are over 35 and plan strenuous exercise while in high altitude, it would be best to first check with your doctor. If you have a history of heart, circulatory or lung disease, it's mandatory to CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR before coming to high altitude. Respiratory infection or pneumonia should be completely resolved before coming to high altitude since they can be dramatically worsened by the extra strain placed on your body. Pregnant women should seek the advice of their physicians before exerting themselves at high altitude.

Children and young people participating in the activities of the Shrine Convention are being requested to submit a Shrine Physical Examination form signed by their family physician and their parent or guardian. This form is to be submitted to the leadership of the various youth organizations and eventually reviewed by the medical staff at the Shrine Convention.

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that Allen instituted. He labeled it inadequate and proposed to replace it with officers attending accredited law enforcement schools.

Allen said the in-service training program is a continuing education program for deputies who have completed the required 280-hour training program of the Justice Department's Training and Standards division in Raleigh. In an effort to attract and retain qualified personnel, the challengers propose to seek competitive salaries for deputies. Allen said when he first took office, starting salary for deputies was about \$9,400 per year. Now, he said, it's \$12,468 per year, and he proposes to seek reasonable increases.

According to the challengers, it takes an unreasonable amount of time for deputies to respond to citizens' calls, sometimes two to four hours. They promise to speed up response time, but haven't decided how.

But Allen said it takes an average of 10 to 15 minutes for deputies to respond, but "one lady told me it took two hours," he conceded. He said he is monitoring the matter.

JAIL OPERATIONS
The challengers call for more personnel,

Currently, a staff of 25 jailers, five matrons, three cooks and one full-time physician operate the jail. It can house 164 persons. The average number of inmates housed is 155, Allen said.



MISS MCCREA

Miss McCrea Named Outstanding Young Women of America

Miss Tonya Gail McCrea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McCrea, Jr., 701 Rippling Stream Road, has been named as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1981.

The purpose of this program is to honor the accomplishments of the nation's women. Miss McCrea is a graduate of Hillside High School and Winston-Salem State University. She is a graduate student at North Carolina Central University. She is employed with the Durham City School System as a Title I Math teacher at Y.E. Smith Elementary School.

Miss McCrea is a member of the Durham Alumni Chapter of Winston-Salem State University, the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and is very active in White Rock Baptist Church.

Wayne Carter Promoted

Sgt. Wayne F. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Carter, of Durham, was promoted to the rank of Sgt. in January, 1982. Sgt. Carter is assigned to Co. A, 3rd Bn., 187 Infantry, 101 Airborne Division Air Assault, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Carter, a 1976 graduate of Hillside High School, is a member of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, a former staff member of the Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home. He is also a member of the Charles Badgett Masonic Lodge No. 20 of Schwinfort, West Germany.

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