

## Proposed Rule Would Permit Workfare Program

WASHINGTON — Though workfare demonstration projects for food stamp recipients have been operating for several years, proposed regulations announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last week, provide states and local jurisdictions the option for the first time of adopting workfare as a permanent feature of the food stamp program," said Assistant Secretary Mary Jarratt.

Under the "workfare" concept, work eligible food stamp recipients

participate in a work experience activity along with receiving their food stamp benefits. The public service work done in return for food stamp allotments is valued at the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher. A maximum of 20 hours per week could be required of any household.

The workfare demonstration projects, some of which began operating as early as July 1979, provided helpful information for policymakers.

"We believe workfare can provide valuable work experience to recipients in assisting them to become self-reliant, and we are hopeful that skills acquired in this program will enable more public assistance participants to transfer to private sector employment," the assistant secretary said.

Past workfare participants have engaged in a wide array of work activities, including learning how to operate heavy construction equipment, using existing electrical

and carpentry skills for assistant community building projects, providing crafts activities to senior citizens and learning radio repair work.

The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, Public Law 97-98, approved Dec. 22, 1981, authorized the extension of workfare as a permanent food stamp program feature at state or local political subdivision option. The law allows participating jurisdictions to combine food stamp workfare operations with those from other

workfare-type programs that states and local jurisdictions might already administer.

"Obviously, the program is more economically feasible when operated in conjunction with other public assistance programs, and we are delighted that P.L. 97-98 allows local jurisdictions to combine their food stamp workfare with that for aid to families with dependent children, for example," said Ms. Jarratt.

The state agency, through its local offices, would be responsible for referring eligible recipients to workfare operating agencies and for establishing and processing sanctions for noncompliance, under the proposed regulations. The state agency also would be responsible for monitoring job sites and for interviewing and assigning eligible recipients.

USDA's Food Nutrition Service would provide 50% funding to both state and operating agencies.

## Peace Corps Director Designated For Headquarters Post



McINTOSH

WASHINGTON — "It was difficult to leave Swaziland but this promises to be a challenging experience in Washington," says Gerald A. McIntosh, director designate of Africa Operations for the Peace Corps. Since mid-1981, McIntosh had been serving as Swaziland country director for the Peace Corps where he directed the activities of about 100 volunteers.

In his new position, he will supervise the activities of more than 2,500 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 23 countries. The Peace

Corps has 3,000 volunteers serving in 60 countries around the world.

"Africa Operations is the largest geographical segment of Peace Corps' overseas operations and also has the greatest potential for expansion," maintains McIntosh, a native of Detroit, Mich.

McIntosh, 40, is an educator who has been active in working with gifted children and in desegregation programs, urban studies and school management in Michigan. Prior to becoming Peace Corps country director in Swaziland, he supervised the operation of a federally-funded school for gifted and talented children in Inkster, Mich.

A 1963 education graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, McIntosh received a master's degree in 1967 from Eastern Michigan University and his Ph.D. in 1970 from Michigan State University.

He and his wife have three children: Gary, 15, Garvey, 13; and Ayana, 9.



Ms. Mary L. Phillips

Best Tomato Recipe Fresh Tomato Cake

## Tomato "Field" Day A Success

TUSKEGEE, ALA. — Although rain and thunder greeted those who attended the fourth annual Tomato Field Day at Tuskegee Institute on Saturday, June 12, more than 100 persons gathered in Milbank Hall to learn imperatives to good growth and development of tomatoes.

The Tomato Recipe Contest was a major feature of the event, and awards were given for the top recipes in the meat, vegetable, and bread/dessert categories. The winner with the best overall recipe received a plaque. Ms. Larene R. Dunham won the vegetable category for her Tomato Eggplant Pie, and Ms. Roosie Crosby mastered the meat category with a Chili Tomato Pie. Ms. Mary L. Phillips, who also received the plaque, won

the bread/dessert category for her Fresh Tomato Cake.

Ms. Linda Johnson, food technologist, Fort Valley State College (Ga.), discussed tomato varieties, fertilization, environment, and appropriate processing methods.

Special emphasis was placed on drip irrigation, which is, according to Tuskegee irrigation specialist, Dr. P.K. Biswas, the slow but frequent application of water to soil through small openings in tubes or hoses.

Other program participants were Dr. Bobby R. Phillips, director, Tuskegee Tomato Breeding Program; Dr. Mack Wilson, Dr. Marvin Burnes, Algie Key, Dr. Caluzell Stevens, Dr. Walter A. Hill, Ms. Evelyn Crayton, Ms. Ralphenia Pace, and Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolbert.

## Haitians' Release: A Revolving Door Detention Policy?

NEW YORK — Last Tuesday, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-NY) labelled the Justice Department's announced release of Haitians "a mixed blessing". Mrs. Chisholm indicated that "while this announcement is the first bit of positive news we have had, the release guidelines could result in onerous conditions on the Haitians."

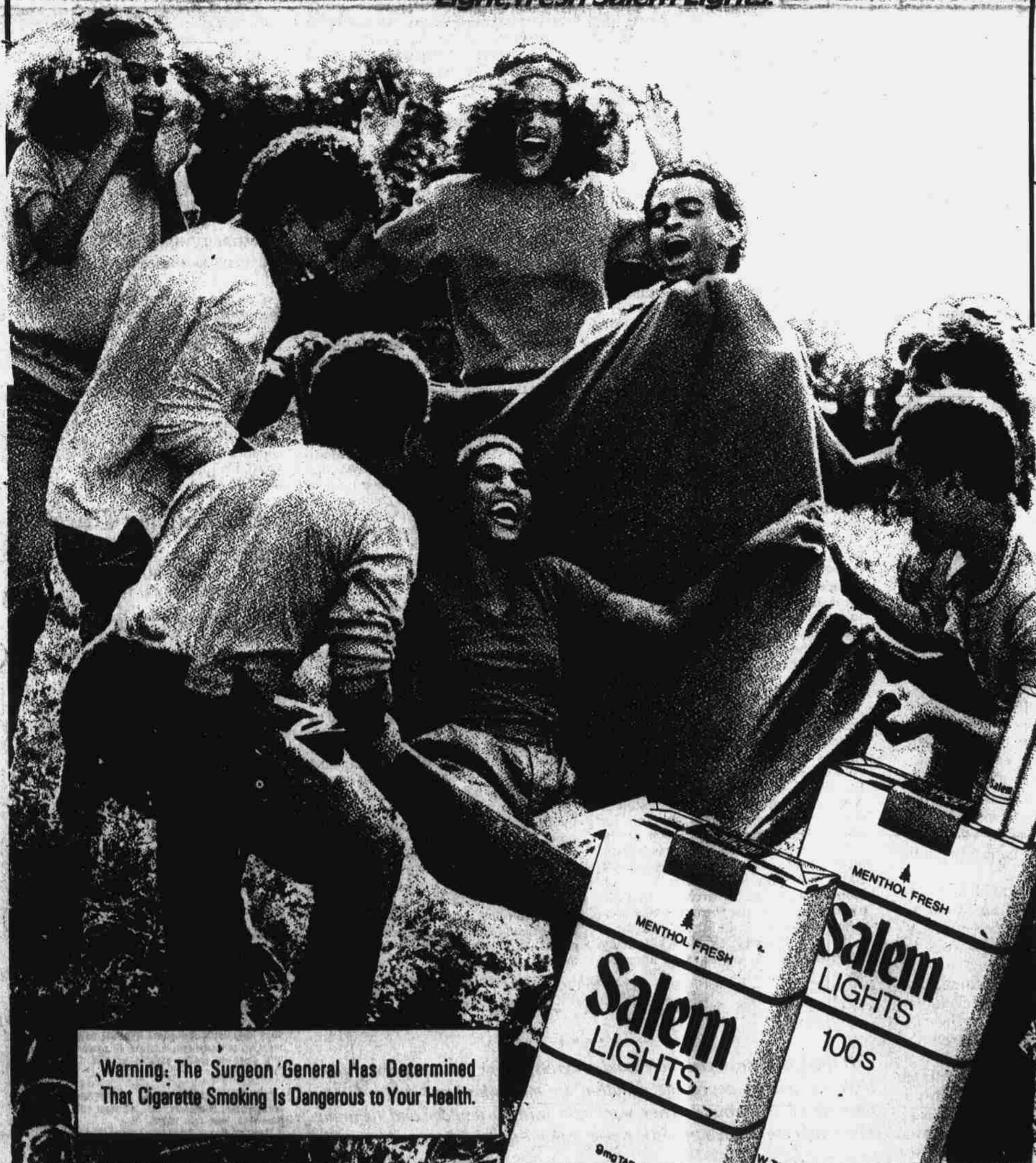
Congresswoman Chisholm criticized the limited release nature of the policy. "Having Haitians released for an immigration hearing, with no work authorization and sent back to detention before their appeal is heard is tantamount to 'revolving door detention'", explained Mrs. Chisholm. In addition, she expressed concerns

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