

## Jobless? Read This — You May Be Eligible For Financial Benefits

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CPS)— More than a million jobless persons who have used up their unemployment benefits are entitled to a new round of payments this year.

Most of them don't know about it. And unless someone tells them, they won't get it.

Newspaper, radio and television coverage has been skimpy, at best. And despite a prod from the Labor Department, many state employment services have not yet made an effort to track down persons who have been dropped from the unemployment rolls—and who may be eligible for an additional 13 weeks of payments.

There are actually two new programs that take effect this month and next—both based on laws passed by Congress to extend the normal 26 weeks of unemployment compensation during periods when jobs are scarce.

There were two types of "triggers" provided by the law to put the program into effect—and to halt the program when job conditions improve. One is for a national program; the other triggers state programs when there is no national program in effect.

Under the law, the program would take effect nationwide when the "insured unemployment rate" has been 4.5 per cent or higher for three consecutive months. When the rate drops below that level for a comparable period, the program is phased out.

The earliest date the nationwide trigger could be applied was Jan. 1, 1972. And that's the date it went into effect because the insured unemployment rate for the last three months of available statistics stayed above 4.5 per cent.

That put the program immediately into effect in every state except Kentucky, where the legislature has not yet passed a required enabling law. Kentucky is expected to complete action shortly.

Even before the national program took effect, some states already were under the extended benefit program because of the state trigger feature of 1970 law.

Under this provision, when there is no nationwide program, extended benefits will be paid in any state with an insured unemployment rate of at least 4 per cent for three consecutive months—provided the rate is at least 20 per cent higher than the average of the past two years for the same period of time.

During the period before Jan. 1, 1972, 22 states qualified under the state trigger point formula. But eight of them subsequently were "triggered off," leaving 14 states paying extended benefits at the end of 1971.

What of the unemployed workers in states which have had the extended benefit programs in effect—and who already have used up their 13-week extension?

They are not affected by the national program because they have already been covered by its provisions.

But most of them, starting in Feb., will be eligible for still another 13-week extension under the Magnuson Act that passed Congress last month.

This is a temporary law, scheduled to phase out in July, and the Nixon Administration had tried unsuccessfully to block its passage.

It provides a further 13 weeks of



"I always hated those bastards on welfare... now I am one."

benefits—bringing the maximum duration to 52 weeks—in states with the highest unemployment.

To trigger eligibility under the Magnuson bill, the state's insured unemployment rate must be at least 6.5 per cent. But the method of computing the rate is somewhat liberalized by including as insured unemployed a portion of workers who have already exhausted their unemployment benefits.

Because the data to determine eligibility will be compiled on Jan. 30 when the program begins, the Labor Department was unable to list the states where the program will operate.

But earlier data indicated that Alaska, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington will probably be included.

States that might qualify include Oregon and New York.

## American Indians Sue Cleveland Indians For 9 Million

CLEVELAND, OHIO (CPS) Russell C. Means, executive director of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and director of the Cleveland American Indian Center says the "Chief Wahoo" symbol used by the Cleveland baseball team degrades and demeans the American Indian. Means said a Legal Aid Society attorney will file a \$9 million suit against owner, Vernon Stouffer, Tuesday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and will seek an injunction to stop the use of the symbol.

"How long do you think the stadium would stand if the team were called the Cleveland Negroes with a caricature of Aunt Jemima or Little Black Sambo, and everytime a ball was hit some guy would come out and do a soft shoe?" Means asked.

"The whole viewpoint America

## Michigan: Term Paper Service May Get You Expelled

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CPS)— Two University of Michigan students are facing expulsion for using a commercial term paper writing service.

The service sold both students identical papers, who, unknowingly, turned them in to the same English professor.

The company told each student that he received an original term paper which would be the only one at the university.

In addition, in May of this year, two Harvard students were found

to have used this service. One was expelled and the other suspended for one year.

University of Michigan English Department Chairman Charles Hagelman said a student using this type of service may face university expulsion. "Only the student stands to lose by using this service," Hagelman said.

Sanford Dean, Psychology Department chairman, said if the students can buy term papers, "why don't we sell them course credits or degrees?"



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