



Training Group Reports on Aid To Officials

NEW YORK — Noting that the 1,500 black elected officials in the nation have special needs, the head of the largest training organization in the civil-rights field predicted yesterday that "their numbers will more than double within the next four years."

The comment was made by Ronnie M. Moore, Executive Director of the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality, Inc. (SEDFRE) in releasing an annual report of the group's activities in aiding newly-elected minority officials.

"Despite recent increases, black elected officials still make up only three-tenths of 1 per cent of the more than half-million elected officials across the country. Even though I believe that their numbers will more than double within the next four years, there will be no call for rejoicing until black elected officials number more than 50,000 - or equal to the 11 per cent of the population that is black," he said.

In releasing the first year's annual report of SEDFRE's Technical Assistance Program (TAP), Mr. Moore noted that the greatest gains in black representation have occurred in the South:

"In the five years since the passage of the voting Rights Act of 1965, the number of black elected officials in the South has increased 800 per cent. While that may sound impressive, it actually represents a gain from an estimated 75 in 1965 to 656 now. But black people are still critically under represented there as well, and there are still no blacks among executives at the State level in the South," Mr. Moore emphasized.

He added that "more is expected of the newly-elected black official."

Worms Threaten Kenya's Harvest

NAIROBI — Worms threaten Kenya's harvest with disaster, the Agricultural Ministry said recently.

The agency said millions of green worms have invaded three of the nation's six provinces and that a major air attack with insecticides would get under way soon.

Now You Know

Trinidad, a nation of one million which includes the islands of Trinidad and Tobago, is the most southerly and largest of the Lesser Antilles Islands in the West Indies and is seven miles off the coast of Venezuela.

DON'T DROP OUT—is the Motown theme echoed by the Originals during their recent visit to Mumford High School, Detroit. The Originals manager Taylor Cox (left) accompanied the quartet, Walter Gaines, Henry Dixon, C. P. Spencer and Freddie Gorman, as they encouraged their young fans to stay in school.

Chuck Stone Quits "Today" TV Program Over Racial Issues

NEW YORK — Chuck Stone, the well-known author and lecturer, who has contributed commentaries on racial issues to the NBC Television Network's "Today" program, announced on the air last week that he was withdrawing because, he said, of his apparent inability to communicate with "white mid-America."

Mr. Stone said: "What does this all mean? That things are hopeless for this country? Certainly not. We have survived several major wars, depressions, and any number of rebellions. We still also survive our present tensions and alienations, but time runs out and America is caught in a vise between the Schilla of an angry black community demanding more, and the Charybdis of a resentful white

community insisting on less. "Perhaps what is needed today is a different kind of voice even on the 'Today' show that will somehow find that magic formula for lessening the antagonisms and reducing the ill feelings."

"I wish I were wise enough to offer a solution, but all I've got left is still a warm, undying affection for my fellow man, and a curiously unsinkable belief that somehow my country will one day be able to get it together."

Stuart Schulberg, producer of "Today," who had invited Mr. Stone to appear regularly on the program more than a year ago, said he regretted Mr. Stone's decision. "Naturally it's depressing and discouraging for any communicator to receive the sort of antagonistic mail Chuck has received lately," Mr. Schulberg said. "I felt Chuck's contributions were important, whether consistently popular or not, because they did convey the very real dismay of a minority which deserved to be heard through the media."

During a recent appearance on "Today," Mr. Stone labeled the Indochina war as "racist" and said that American Negroes had only "one hope — the kids who are like beautiful flowers growing in the swamp" of American society. The statements drew heavy critical mail, although previous reaction to Mr. Stone's views generally was evenly divided.

After today's program went off the air, telephone calls to NBC in New York were running 10 to 1 in favor of Mr. Stone continuing his contributions to "Today." In Washington, origination point for the commentaries, the phone calls were 5 to 1 for him to continue. Mr. Stone, however, said hereafter he would concentrate on books.

Mr. Stone, who was formerly administrative assistant to Representative Adam Clayton Powell, recently resigned as a lecturer at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., to accept a position with Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.

White? Color Me Confused

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Most people find it hard to agree on what constitutes the color "white."

Customers specified as "white" 169 different color formulations when ordering high density polyethylene plastics at Phillips Petroleum Company.

The most effective controls are chemical and the chemical must be applied around the house, too — sometimes even inside. The pesky creatures, like to lay eggs in crevices of the house.

The Brightest, Bar None



If you are going to be in New York City and want to meet writers and other intellectuals, visit the bar at The Library, a pub and restaurant on New York's upper west side.

From 1964 to 1969, the Federal expenditure for manpower programs—training in job skills and work assistance—rose from \$403 million to \$2.2 billion annually.

Heart attack victims may still enjoy the pleasure of camping and fishing, according to your St. Louis Heart Association. Your physician is the man to judge whether your heart can take the rigors of any trip you plan. Follow his advice and enjoy yourself.

Groundup ladybugs once were considered a remedy for toothaches, colic and measles.

More than 3.5 million acres of public lands are open to hunting in New York State.

BOATING SAFETY

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Recreational boating has become the number one family sport, and this summer, more families than ever will head for our nation's waterways for vacations and outings. But, a small oversight or a moment of carelessness can turn an enjoyable outing into a catastrophe.

The best safety advice for boatmen is literally to know your own capabilities and limitations, as well as those of your craft. A majority of boating accidents are caused by negligence, and this makes the "know thyself" rule even more important. One built-in safety factor in boating is that while you can't control the environment, you *can* control your exposure to it. Before starting, you should know where and when you are going, how many passengers you're going to carry, at what speed you'll travel, and when you will head for home.

There are a few simple rules that can help keep your boating activities safe and enjoyable.

Before starting, make sure you check expected weather conditions. Also, check your compass and lay out a course. Test lights, horns, engines, and clutches. It's common sense to tell someone on shore where you expect to go and about what time you'll return.

Before every outing, check life saving devices and make sure there are enough for all your passengers. Make sure your anchor's all set to go — and, attached. Keep your first aid kit well-stocked and up-to-date; also, stock flashlights, a tool kit, bilge pump, bailer and paddle on board. Finally, check to see that your fuel and oil supplies are in order.

Boating has been proven a safe sport, and boatmen are becoming more careful with each year. There's really no need to spoil a perfect day with a boating accident — after all, boating is one sport you're supposed to relax and enjoy completely.



TIPS ON CAR CARE

Even The Best Of Us Make Mistakes

Bob R. treats his car like a baby, so he thought the police were wasting their time when they waved him to the side for a traffic check.

"You won't find anything wrong with this one," he told the patrolman. "I keep it right up to scratch."

Bob's good care showed in most of the tests. His tires were practically new and were properly inflated. The headlights were adjusted perfectly.

His signal lights all worked. The foot brake was exceptionally good. The steering mechanism was sound, the exhaust system OK, and the windows and rear-view mirrors were clear and clean.

Then the patrolman asked Bob to engage his parking brake and accelerate with the brake still on. The brake seemed to go on, but it didn't hold the car back the least bit.

"I never use it, so I didn't know it wasn't working," Bob explained. He had to have the brake fixed within 72 hours because an effective "emergency brake" is required by law in his state.

Bob's experience shows that even car-conscious drivers can overlook important aspects of car care. Most frequently overlooked is the seldom-used emergency equipment.

Another car-conscious driver, Don G., had driven his car nearly three years and was on his second set of tires without ever having his jack on the ground. When he needed to change a damaged

tire at night on a country road miles from town, he found that the up-down indicator lever on the jack was so rusted it couldn't be moved.

Don spent most of that night getting into town and back with help, while his family waited in the car.

Another emergency that often gets overlooked is the spare tire. B.F. Goodrich tire experts point out that even the best of rubber is slightly porous, so perfectly good tires tend to lose a little air over a period of time, whether they are in use or not.

To be sure that your spare tire will be fully inflated and ready for use if, and when, it is needed, it is a good idea to check its pressure each time you inflate the other tires.

If the manufacturer of your car recommends different pressures for front and rear, inflate the spare to the highest recommended pressure. In this case, always carry a tire pressure gauge to enable you to adjust the pressure of the spare if it should be mounted on a wheel calling for the lower pressure.

You may want to add a flashlight to your car's emergency equipment. And don't forget to check the batteries periodically.

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