

Attorney General Griffin Bell Says...

SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR HANDICAPPED

The Department of Justice advised a federal court this week that federal regulations require school systems to provide summer programs for certain severely mentally and physically handicapped children to prevent extreme regression or other serious development problem.

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell said the position was taken in a post-trial memorandum the Department asked permission to file amicus curiae in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Department sought to present the government's views in the case of *Armstrong v. Kline*, a suit brought by parents of handicapped school-age children challenging Pennsylvania and Philadelphia school policies limiting the school year to 180 days.

Assistant Attorney General Drew S. Days, III, in charge of the Civil Rights Division, said the parents' suit contends that the handicaps of their children are so severe that an educational program appropriate to their needs must extend beyond the normal 180-day school year.

Days said the Department memorandum states that Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against handicapped persons in Federally assisted programs, applies to the Pennsylvania case.

He said the memorandum also notes that Department of Health, Education, and Welfare regulations require that school systems provide handicapped children as appropriate education designed to meet their individual needs as adequately as the needs of children who are not handicapped.

"The educational needs of the handicapped child are not necessarily identical to those of his or her nonhandicapped peer; rather the education of the handicapped child can sometimes be accomplished only through additional or alternative education services," the memorandum said.

In addition, the memorandum said, regulations require that the educational program be tailored to the specific needs of each handicapped child.

"This emphasis upon individualized decision-making reflects the professional con-

sensus that person with serious handicaps differ not only from the nonhandicapped but from each other as well," the memorandum added.

Days said the law and regulations guarantee that each handicapped child will receive an individual evaluation of his or her needs and an appropriate educational program based on the evaluation.

"If that evaluation shows that an 'appropriate' education -- one that meets the

handicapped child's needs 'as adequately' as the needs of the nonhandicapped child are met -- must extend beyond the usual 180 days, then such an education must be provided," he said.

Days said the motion also asks the court to prohibit any school construction until school officials make a survey of construction projects that allows the court to determine whether proposed construction will foster desegregation.

CFA VOLUNTEERS CITED

WRAL-TV had a luncheon for the Call For Action Volunteers of Raleigh and Durham recently. Hosts for the luncheon, held in Raleigh, were: Fred Barber, vice president and general manager; John Greene, manager of WRAL-TV; Ben Waters, news director; Don Griffin, reporter; and J.D. Lewis, liaison, WRAL-TV Call For Action.

The Experts who helped the Call For Action Volunteers for the "Ask the Lawyer Day" and "Ask the Tax Expert Day" were in-

ited as special guests. Only one of twenty experts, Fred Wier, Certified Public Accountant from Raleigh, was able to attend the luncheon. Each expert was awarded a certificate of appreciation in recognition of outstanding service to the communities of Durham and Raleigh. Two Key Volunteers from Durham, Mrs. Frances W. Schooler and Mrs. Gladys H. Rhodes, were also given these certificates.

Five Year Certificates for meritorious service were awarded by the Capitol



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Awards

Above left to right: Dr. Robert F. Murray, Jr., Chief, Medical Genetics Unit, Howard University issues Certificates at Attendance to Ginette Beaubrun, R.N., Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, Ms. Beryl Murray, Co-ordinator, Genetic Counseling Seminar, Elizabeth Anionwu, S.R.N. H.V., Public Affairs Director, Organization for Sickle Cell Anemia Research, London, England-Nigerian, Theresa Bonner-Payne, Genetic Counselor/Educator, Northern California Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, Oakland, California, Rodney Brewington, Nurse Educator/Counselor, Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Greensboro, North Carolina, and Claudia Burns, R.N. Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

ROSS AND MILLER NAMED RECIPIENTS

PRESTIGIOUS CLENDENIN AWARDS

NEW YORK—William M. Ross, Executive Director of R-T-P, Inc. (Recruitment and Training Program), and Ms. Joyce D. Miller, President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and Vice President of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, have been named recipients of the 1979 Clendenin Awards, announced William E. Hafer, Executive Director of the Workers Defense League

Presentation of the awards of U.S. labor's most prestigious honors, will be made at a dinner celebrating the Workers Defense League's forty-third anniversary, at the Hotel Roosevelt of Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. The theme of this year's dinner is "Equal Employment in the 1980's".

The Clendenin Awards are named in the memory of the Late David L. Clendenin, co-

founder of the Workers Defense League with the late Norman Thomas. The awards are presented annually to persons who have distinguished themselves in the service and struggles of all workers. Others who have received this award include Hubert Humphrey, Augustus Hawkins, Walter P. Reuther, A. Phillip Randolph, Jacob Clayman and Jacob Sheinkman.

Both Ross and Ms. Miller have

MILITARY RACISM ON INCREASE

"Racism in the military is so deep, so wide and so effective that we can't possibly cope with it," says U.S. Congress member Parren Mitchell (D-MD) in a new CCCO publication, "Blacks In The Military". According to "Blacks In The Military", military discrimination is still a major problem, and some ways it is worse than ever.

Larry Spears, coordinator of CCCO's Blacks In The Military project, says that, "Discrimination is quite apparent through the slow promotions, bad discharges, dead-end jobs, and in the military prison population."

According to Spears, "Blacks make up 28 per cent of Army personnel, but only six per cent of Army officers. In 1977, 57 per cent of those getting dishonorable discharges and 48 per cent of those who received bad conduct discharges were black."

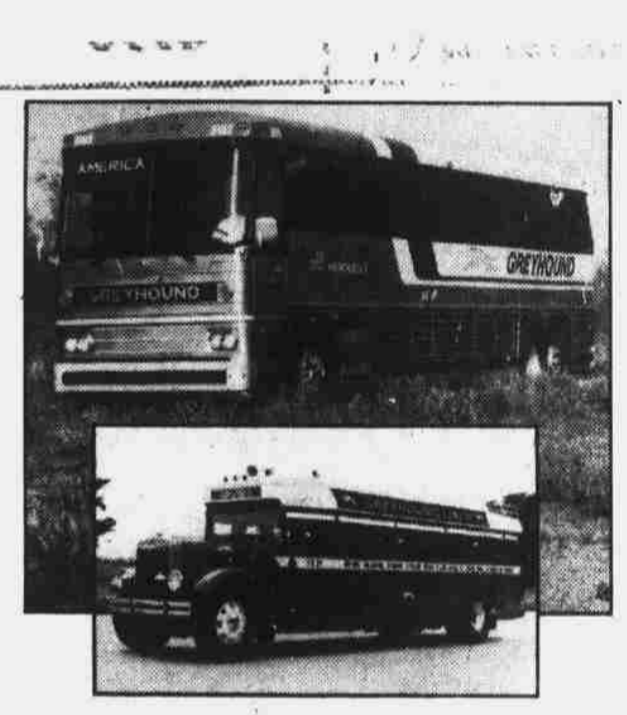
"Even the Army's Equal Opportunity Program reports that the number of black enlisted soldiers in eighteen selected Career Management Fields has worsened since 1975," says Spears. "This is despite the increasing black enlisted content of the Army."

"While blacks are underrepresented in the officer ranks and career management fields, they are overrepresented in the Army prison population," charges Spears. "Although 28 per cent of the Army is black, 51 per cent of the Army prisoners are black."

"These disproportioned figures," says Spears, "indicate that there is every reason for young blacks to think twice about joining the military. 'Blacks in The Military' is designed to show blacks the other side of the picture before they consider enlistment."

CCCO was founded in 1948 as the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, and is the major military counseling organization in the country. "Blacks In The Military" is available from CCCO, 2016 Walnut St., Phila., Pa., 19103 for \$3.35 per copy to cover postage and handling costs.

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