

Civil Rights Update

MOST SEGREGATED: The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office for Civil Rights has issued a list of the 100 most segregated school systems in the nation.

The first ten in order of ranking are: LeFlore County, Miss.; Southeast Delco, Pa.; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; South Park, Texas; Birmingham, Ala.; East Baton Rouge, La.; New Castle County, Del.; Calcasieu, La.; and Will County, Ill.

JEWISH HOME: HEW has completed its investigation of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Reseda, Calif. They found that the institution does not discriminate against non-Jews or deny such persons the use of the facilities, services or residence. Based on three on-site inspections, HEW filed a report saying that the home was in compliance with its community service obligation under the Public Health Services Act.

AMTRAK DISCOUNT: A 25 per cent discount to the elderly handicapped was started last month by Amtrak on all trips that sell for \$40 or more one-way. The largest transportation discount in the industry will not be offered, however, to attendants traveling with handicapped persons.

ALIENS DEFENDED: The Justice Department is defending the counting of illegal aliens as part of the total U.S. population during the 1980 census.

They urge that a suit brought by five congressmen — Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky), and Reps. Clair Burgener (R-Calif.), Paul Findley (R-Ill.), Edward Derwinski (R-Ill) and Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) — and a coalition of environmental and population groups be dismissed.

The suit asks for a preliminary injunction against the census unless illegals can be identified for the purpose of exclusion from the count.

CULT SLAVERY: The pastor and three other members of the Church of God and True Holiness in Durham, N.C. and Florence, S.C., were recently indicted on ten counts by a Federal grand jury for holding nine youths in involuntary servitude by forcing them to work and preventing their escape by beatings. Four of the youths were even forced to marry against their will.

The three men and one woman indicted could each receive ten years in jail and fines amounting to \$15,000.

BATTERED WIVES: The House has approved and sent to the Senate a \$65 million three-year program to provide shelter and other services to battered wives, children and other victims of domestic violence.

Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) who is one of its sponsors, said that an estimated 1.8 million women are beaten every year and one-eighth of all murders in the nation are committed by spouses.

If approved, the bill would authorize \$15 million the first year, \$20 million the second and \$35 million the third.

SPEECH RIGHT: Regardless of political outlook, groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and American Nazi Party should be allowed to exercise the right of free speech, says the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

This conclusion contained in the Commission's 1980 message, was joined by a call to the U.S. Justice Department to monitor the activities of such groups and prevent violence.

FEDERAL JUDGES: President Carter has named two former civil rights lawyers to become the first blacks on the Federal bench in Alabama.

If approved by the Senate, U.W. Clemons, a former state senator, and Fred D. Gray, who had a major role in the Montgomery bus boycott, will have that distinction. Gray, 39, was the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s attorney.

Clemons, 36, was also a member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the first black Alabama Senator since Reconstruction.

BUSING ATTACKED: Three U.S. Supreme Court Justices have stated that recent school busing "in all too many cities" is causing white flight, resegregating schools and hurting the quality of education.

Justices Lewis Powell, Jr., Potter Stewart and William Rehnquist expressed their views in a sixteen-page dissent while condemning a busing plan imposed by a lower court in Dallas.

They wrote, "The pursuit of racial balance at any cost is without constitutional or social justification. Out of zeal to remedy one evil, courts may encourage or set the stage for other evils."

FIRING UPHELD: The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of a Chicago elementary school teacher who was fired in 1977 when she refused to teach

the pledge of allegiance and patriotic songs to her pupils.

Ms. Joethelia Palmer told school officials that, as Jehovah's Witness, her religious beliefs prohibited the worship of man-made images because such activities were a form of idolatry banned by the Bible. They fired her and she sued the city school board.

A federal trial judge dismissed the case, so she appealed to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which upheld the firing. She then appealed to the higher court.

LABOR REFORM: A seven-year suit against the Labor Department ended last month when the Department agreed with a coalition of farm workers and civil rights activists to issue new rules protecting the rights of immigrant and seasonal farm workers and improving services to them.

The agreement will affect more than five million persons and lead to the establishment of a National Farm Labor Coordinated Enforcement Committee headed by a Labor undersecretary.

JOB RULES: New rules that will bolster equal employment protection for women, minorities, members of religious and ethnic groups, handicapped persons and veterans employed by Federal contractors have been proposed by the Labor Department.

Affecting about 300,000 firms, with contracts totaling about \$81 billion a year and forty million workers, assistant labor secretary Donald Elisburg said the changes are part of a larger effort to improve the department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' enforcement activities.

AGE BIAS: Judge Charles Richey, of the District of Columbia's U.S. District Court, has ruled that Federal government employees over sixty who retire on disability, but are later rehired, must be given the same benefits as younger employees.

He said that the policy of limiting these individuals to temporary positions or jobs where they could be forced out violates the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Africa News

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country. It contained a front-page biography of Mugabe aimed at smearing the leader politically and personally.

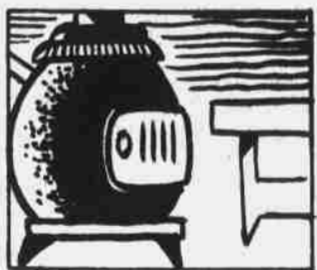
After journalists exposed the ruse, a bomb blew up the *Moto* office and printing press in the Midlands town of Gwelo. Two people were killed, and the blast caused three quarters of a million dollars worth of damage.

In addition, a rash of newspaper advertisements condemning ZANU as violently anti-Christian was countered by Mugabe with a public congratulation of the churches, who, he said, "suffered immensely because of us... but stuck by their principles."

Lord Soames has refused to discuss his planned criteria for directing the formation of the independence government, citing in his defense the similar prerogative of a constitutional monarch. The governor concluded his election-eve television and radio broadcasts to the nation with a remark, "A great democrat once said, 'Trust the people.'" In Zimbabwe, it's clear that once they have voted, the people will have to trust Lord Soames.

Bokassa Cohorts On Trial

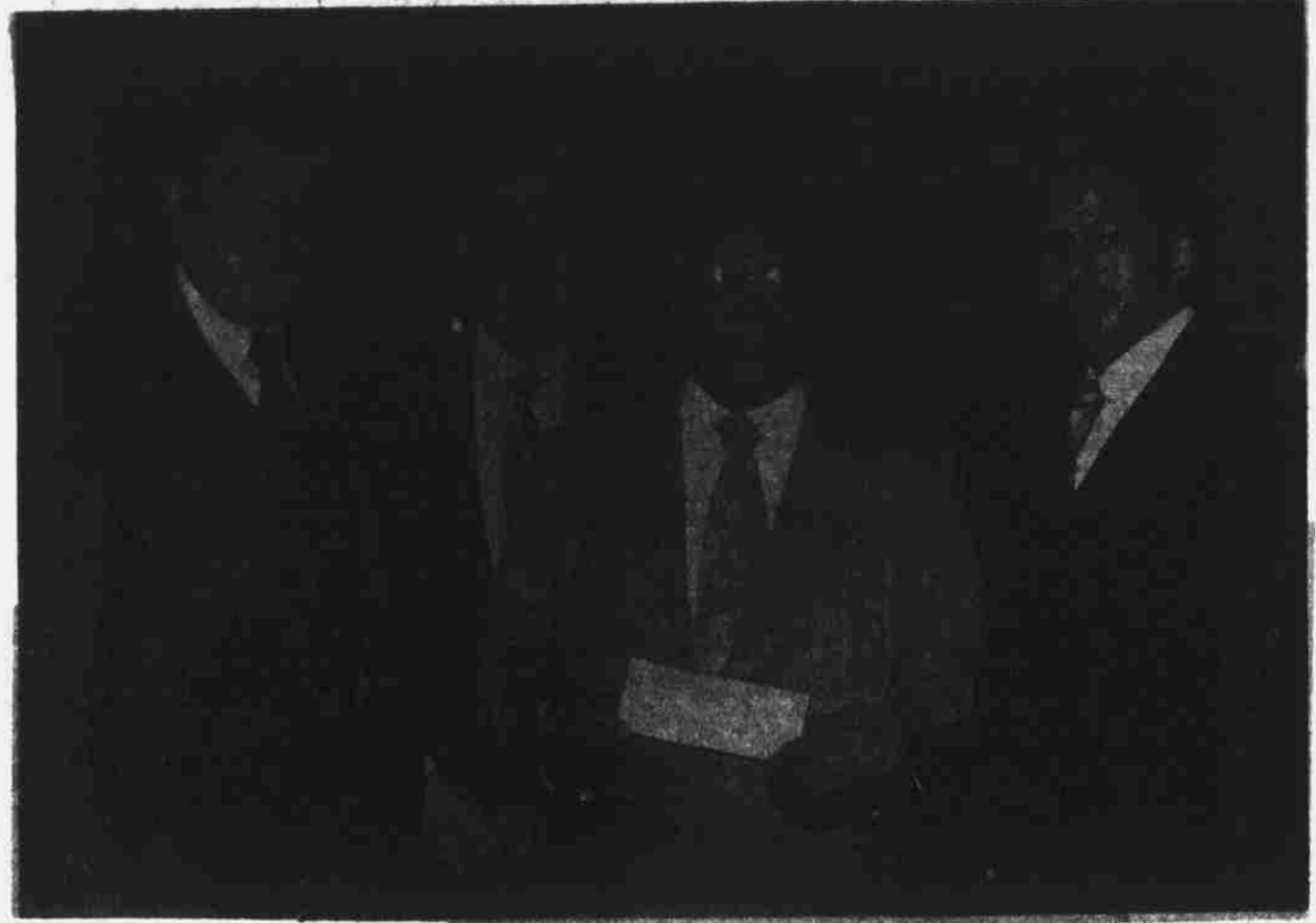
[AN] Prosecution began February 18 in Bangui of 34 people accused of complicity in atrocities committed during the rule of former Central African



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MEET TODAY'S ARMY RESERVE.



ACCEPTING THE GRANT — Morehouse College, a predominantly black institution located in Atlanta, Georgia, was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from Nabisco, Inc., the national baker of cookies and crackers. Making the check presentation on behalf of Nabisco are: (from left) Jack Wiggin, Director of Community Relations and Hugh Harris, Manager of the Atlanta Bakery. Accepting the grant on behalf of Morehouse is Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., pastor emeritus of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Also shown is Raymond A. McAllister of B & C Associates, located in High Point.



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 <p>Regular Unscented Hair Spray 8 Ounces Hard To Hold. \$1</p>	 <p>Diamond Aluminum Foil 12' x 25' roll. Limit 4. \$3.50</p>	 <p>Scripto Disposable Lighters Butane lighters. \$3.50</p>	 <p>Jumbo Paper Toweling White with print border. \$2.50</p>
 <p>Plastic Assortment Containers Assorted household containers. \$2</p>	 <p>Ironing Board Pad & Cover Silicone or Teflon covers. \$2</p>	 <p>Momento Acrylic Yarn 3.52 oz. 4 ply yarn. Washable. \$3.50</p>	 <p>7" Silverstone Fry Pan Polished, non-stick interior. \$3</p>
 <p>Ladies 6-Pack Cotton Briefs 100% soft cotton. White. 5-7. Reg. 4.99 \$4</p>	 <p>Lappan Acrylic Kit 100% acrylic. In 3 designs. \$6</p>	 <p>18 Gallon Trash Can Durable plastic. Tight cover. 30 Gal. \$4</p>	 <p>Men's 3-Pair Peak Nylon Stretch Socks Deodorized socks. Color coded. Reg. 3.19 \$2.50</p>

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