

## Congressman: Officials may manipulate census

OGDEN, Utah (AP)—The Reagan administration may try to manipulate the 1990 census to influence congressional reapportionment in favor of Republican candidates, the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus says.

Congressman Mervyn M. Dymally, D-Calif., said during a news conference Friday that members of the Reagan administration have told him, in congressional hearings, that they do not want adjustments to the census reported to the president in time to make changes congressional representation.

Dymally is in Ogden for the Western Regional Conference of

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The three-day conference, running through Sunday at the Ogden Hilton, is bringing together an estimated 200 representatives from the western states to discuss a variety of issues.

Dymally, who is chairman of the House subcommittee on census and population, said a key issue before the conference, and the NAACP nationally, is the census. Blacks tend to be undercounted, he said, because they often fear they will get into trouble if they report their true numbers.

A mother with five children in an apartment that only allows two, he

said, will not tell the truth on her census forms.

He said undercounts in the census hurt not just blacks, but cities and states, because the census counts determine how federal funds for poverty programs are distributed. If a state's black population is undercounted, he said, the state ends up carrying more of the burden for poverty programs.

The census tries to correct that undercount with adjustments, he said, but they submit the adjustments after the report is submitted to the president, too late to affect federal programs.

"I might add that we have evidence that the Census Bureau was

favorably disposed to make the adjustments (before submitting the report to the president) but were ordered not to do so by the Commerce Department," Dymally said.

That order, which he said came through Deputy Secretary of Commerce Robert Ortner, was politically motivated. Blacks tend to vote Democratic, Dymally said, so a black undercount might take away congressional representation from districts that would otherwise favor Democrats.

Dymally said he and the NAACP are working to change the way adjustments are reported in the census and to raise black awareness of the importance of the census.

## Presidential candidates offer insights of campaign

WASHINGTON -- The remaining candidates in the presidential race recently were cornered for responses about their own campaigns and those of their opponents. Voices on the presidential campaign trail:

GEORGE BUSH, saying he's ready to face the Democrats' nominee: "We don't have all the excitement that exists on the

Democratic side of the aisle, but we have a lot more unity and fewer problems."

JESSE JACKSON, on Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat: "It would not be a good approach to start at the table with the most extreme elements that's a formula for catastrophe."

MICHAEL DUKAKIS, on violence in the West Bank and Gaza

Strip: "It is critically important that the world understand who is responsible for the turmoil and the violence. It is, regrettably, Arab leaders themselves who have time and again rejected the chance to sit down with Israel and negotiate peace."

ALBERT GORE, on whether he's taking credit for Jackson's recent statement that Jackson, if elected, would not hold another meeting with Arafat: "No, I'm not taking credit for that. He deserves credit for it."

## Health Department

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tion at Knollwood would be difficult to get to even with the use of public transportation.

"The buses that run out into that area run every hour or two hours and stop in the evening," she said. "Buses run more frequently throughout East Winston than to the north."

"I ride the buses to go everywhere," said 26-year-old Laura Barnes. "I need to come over here from time-to-time to have my blood pressure checked and the buses which run north run too infrequently."

Mazie Woodruff, who was co-chairman of the citizen's group which promoted the bond package for the new building last year, said that the department should be within close proximity of East Winston because a large percentage of the users live in that area.

"Forty-six percent of their patients live within a two-mile radius," she said, citing a recent health department poll. "I have no problems with the Health Department moving into their own building, but we should have it in the area which needs it the most. They said it would be there in the first place."

Richard V. Linville, member of the Board of Commissioners, said he believes that there is no hurry to make a decision and that all options should be carefully examined.

"We're not under pressure as far as time is concerned," he said during the Commissioners' Briefing last Thursday. "We need to explore every possible avenue before a final decision is made."

Alderman Virginia K. Newell said that the Board of Commis-

sioners should have sent architects to study the initial site before making the final decision to build there.

"Why haven't they discovered the problem sooner?" asked Newell. "They agreed to build it in East Winston and now they say they can't."

County Manager Graham Perovic said that they sent architects to study the site during that time, but that they did not consider the parking space the Health Center would need in the future.

"When the Health Center takes over the space the Health Department occupied, their parking needs are going to increase also," he said. "The architects did not anticipate the future needs of the Health Center."

Dr. Thomas R. Dundon, administrator of the health department, said he believes that the removal of the clinic would have the greatest impact.

"Our clinic provides a number of services and the people who live in the immediate area and use it are going to be greatly affected," he said.

The Health Department has only one doctor and one clinic which provides various services. The clinic handles such things as diabetes tests, glaucoma tests, and tests for sexually transmitted diseases. It also provides home health care, restaurant inspection, and public health education services.

The Health Center has a staff of 20 doctors and two dentists and provides physician-oriented and primary health care services. They handle pediatric and adolescent services, obstetrics, gynecology and several specialty clinics.

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