

Blacks Lost Considerable Ground

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He added:
"Our nation's economic and social policies are like the runaway Soviet Cosmos satellite—fragmented, out of control, and dangerous." Documentation for Mr. Jacob's analysis of the current status of Blacks is contained within the eight papers appearing in "The State of Black America-1983." Covering a wide variety of subject areas the papers were prepared for the NUL by distinguished experts in their fields.

For example, Dr. David H. Swinton, Director, The Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, writing on "The Economic Status of the Black Population," says:

"Previous experience makes it clear that the current recession will exacerbate racial economic inequality. It will further erode Black income and increase black poverty and dependency on welfare. Moreover, in view of the cuts that have been made in government budgets for programs to aid the poor and needy in the last few years, the impact of the recession has probably been even more devastating for low and moderate income Blacks. The recovery will be slow at best, and perhaps hundreds of thousands of Blacks will never again regain their pre-recession status."

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Harvard writing on "The Mental Health Status of Blacks-1983", comments:

"Overall, recent reports show increasing instances of serious (non-clinical) psychological depression among all segments of the Black population, but particularly among those with broken marriages, those not employed outside the home, those with lower incomes, and the less well-educated."

"It is clear that Black Americans are at high risk for maladaptation, behavioral disabilities, and mental illness throughout their life cycles. There appear to be no safety nets that protect the health or psyche of the Afro-American from institutional racism, poverty, high unemployment and a stagnant economy."

In her paper "The Economic Status of Black Women," Dr. Barbara A. P. Jones, Professor of Economics, Clark College, concludes:

"Black women are indeed the poorest of the major race-sex groups in American society. In addition, they head the poorest of poor families. They have the lowest income both absolutely and relatively... The over supply of trained Black women eager to work results in employers being able to fill positions at lower rates than would prevail if the jobs were filled by men or white women. In that sense, private profit makers are the chief beneficiaries of the current role of Black women in the labor force."

YWCA Holiday School Classes Set

A school holiday program is planned at the Park Road YWCA, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., January 24th. The scheduled activities are planned to provide a fun filled day while children are out of school for semester break. Registration is January 17-21, 9 to 5 at Park Road. For further information contact either Carol Baker, 525-5770, ext 34 or Donna Arrington, 525-5770, ext 35, weekdays, 9 to 5.



The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Chapter, pictured above, are making plans for upcoming scholarship presentations.

Local Group To Offer Scholarships To Wilberforce

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Charlotte Chapter proudly announces that several scholarships to high school students will be awarded. Applications, transcripts, etc., are being accepted now. One such college, Wilberforce University (Ohio) the nation's oldest Black private institution of higher learning, is one of four colleges NANBPW has listed.

A renewable one-year \$5,000 academic scholarship will be presented to a student interested in attending the university.

The scholarships will be composed of federal and institutional non-repayable grant assistance, and the amount will include sufficient funds to cover tuition, room and board, health insurance, and a \$200 per year allowance for books and supplies.

Applicants must complete a university scholarship application and the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form.

Students interested in vying for the Wilberforce scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a high school student with at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from one teacher.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from his/her counselor who verifies the student's cumulative grade point average.
- Must write an essay on "Why I Want To Attend A Black College" in 200 words or less. It is preferred, but not mandatory, that the essay be typed.

Bicycle

Registration Announced

Bicycle registration is a city ordinance. If you don't have those bikes registered you will have the opportunity to do so Monday, January 24, at various schools.

You may want to bring proof of purchase and ownership.

From 9-11 the following schools will participate in bike registration: Randolph Junior High School, 4400 Waterloo Dr.; Eastover Elementary, 500 Cherokee Rd.; Winshire Park Elementary, 3900 Sudbury Rd.; Albemarle Rd. Junior High, 6900 Democracy Dr.; Nation's Ford Elementary, 8300 Nations Ford Rd.; Westerly Hills Elementary, 4420 Denver Ave.; and Alexander Graham Junior High School, 1800 Runnymede Drive.

The following schools will participate in bike registration from 1-3 p.m.: Billingsville Elementary, 124 Skyland Ave.; Devonshire Elementary, 6500 Barrington Dr.; Merry Oaks Elementary, 3508 Draper Ave.; Tuckaseegee Elementary, 2028 Little Rock Rd.; Beverly Woods Elementary.

Brides Need New Social Security Card

New brides, along with anyone else who has had a recent name change, should visit the nearest social security office to arrange to have their names changed on social security records and to apply for a new social security card showing their new name, a social security representative said recently.

Unless the bride plans to use her maiden name after marriage, the record should be changed so that earnings are correctly reported to the correct record.

To apply for a new social security card, which will show the person's new name, but old social se-

curity number, he or she should come to the social security office because a personal interview is necessary.

In addition, two items of evidence showing the person's identity under both the new, and old names must be submitted. Possible evidence includes: driver's license, voter's registration, passport or any

other document showing identification data such as a physical description, photograph or signature.

Only original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency are acceptable, the representative said. Uncertified photocopies are not acceptable.

It takes about six weeks to get the new card after acceptable evidence has

been submitted. For more information about applying for a social security card, ask for a copy of the leaflet, "Applying for a social security number," at any social security office. The address and telephone number of the nearest social security office can be found in the telephone directory.

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