

Negro Employment-Jobless Improves Slowly, But Steadily

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Negro employment-unemployment picture shows slow but steady improvement with the seasonal fluctuations affecting the general labor force.

Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that

at the end of March 1966, the 'nonwhite employed labor force' numbered 8,535,000, an increase of 202,000 from a year ago in March 1965, and an increase of 16,000 over February's (1966) 8,519,000.

Unemployment among non-

whites totaled over 600,000 in March 1966, accounting for about one-fifth of total unemployment. Nevertheless, their jobless rate, at 7.2 percent, was down 1.4 percentage points from a year ago in March 1965. And, in April 1966, unemployment among nonwhite workers decreased to 550,000 with a jobless rate of 7.0 percent.

Stubbornly, this unemployment rate (7.0 percent) continues to represent about twice the rate for white workers.

Two Business Executives, Educator, New Shaw Trustees

Two business executives and an educator were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees at Shaw University. The announcement of the new trustees was made by Asa T. Spaulding, chairman of the Board, following the annual meeting here on the Shaw campus.

Dr. Asa T. Spaulding, chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced the election of Dr. Stephen J. Wright, who recently resigned the presidency at Fisk University; Dr. John J. Theobald, President of the Educational Science Division of U. S. Industries, Inc.; and R. Peyton Woodson, III, chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of Occidental Life Insurance Company of North Carolina, to vacancies on Shaw's governing body.

Dr. Wright, who has been president at Fisk University since 1957, leaves that post on June 30 to become president of the United Negro College Fund. A graduate of Hampton Institute, Howard University and New York University, where he received the B. S., M. A. and Ph. D. degrees respectively, Dr. Wright has served as a faculty member and officer of six southern colleges and universities.

Recipient of honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Notre Dame (1964) and Morgan State College (1965), he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Pomona College in 1965.

Dr. Theobald, a former president of Queens College, received his A. B., B. S., C. E., and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University. The holder of seven honorary degrees, Dr. Theobald was superintendent of schools of the City of New York from 1958 to 1962. Prior to that he was deputy mayor of the City of New York for two years.

Under his administration as superintendent of New York City's schools, a system of over

1,000,000 pupils, the Higher Horizons Program for upgrading performances of youngsters from Harlem and Stuyvesant-Bedford was instituted. The open enrollment program was also initiated under Theobald's administration.

Woodson, who has been chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of Occidental Life Insurance Company since 1962, is a graduate of Princeton University where he received the A. B. degree in International Relations. He also attended the Leland Stanford University for a year.

A former major in the Air Force, Woodson was a B-17 pilot during World War II, serving on active duty in England with the 8th Air Force unit.

He is also president of the Management Services Corporation of Raleigh, and chairman of the Board of Independent Data Processing Corp., the Occidental Fire and Casualty Company and Charge Plan, Incorporated.

NO GOOD

NEW YORK - Civil rights leaders have expressed disapproval of Mayor John Lindsay's plan for a civilian review to investigate complaints against policemen. The plan calls for a review board with four civilians appointed by the mayor and three members of the police force. According to the NAACP's Atty. Robert L. Carter, the result of the plan "will be the continued suspicion of minority group communities toward police justice and policemen."

12 Seniors Get \$1,000 Bennett Grants

GREENSBORO -- Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to 12 senior high school girls to attend Bennett College in the fall were made last week by representatives of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.

The twelve finalists were picked from a group of 26 who came to the campus for interviews. Four alternates were chosen. The scholarships are renewable, depending upon academic averages maintained and continuing need.

Selected were: Alice E. Baldwin, Wilmington; Linda J. Bost, Salisbury; LaVerne Brown, Hickory; Jennifer English, England; Ruth Davis, Garysburg; Patricia Herring, Greensboro; Evelyn Hooks, Pollocksville; Blossie Hughes, Rocky Mount; Margaretia Jackson, High Point; Sandra Philpott, Durham; Mary Shanks, Burlington; and Queen Wiggs, Goldsboro.

Alternate candidates are: Geraldine Battle, Rocky Mount; Margaret Broadnax, Leaksville; Lottie Evans, Charlotte, and Geraldine Gleaves, Maxton.

A LITTLE GIRL received a phone call from a schoolmate "Call me back in ten minutes," she requested; "I'm in the middle of a tantrum."



SEARS OFFICIAL AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE - B. T. Gladden (second from right) personnel manager of Sears Roebuck Company, Raleigh, is shown chatting with business students at St. Augustine's College after speaking for the monthly Forum sponsored by the Business Department. Mr. Gladden's presentation dealt with careers in retailing. Reading from left are Frank Godfrey, Eugene Thomas, Gladden and James Perry.

99th Commencement Set At Barber-Scotia

CONCORD -- Barber-Scotia College will hold its 99th commencement exercises on June 6 at 5 p. m. The 57 members of the graduating class will hear an address by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

The distinguished educator is a graduate of Bates College

(Maine) and received the M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Dr. Mays is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is the recipient of 13 honorary degrees.

The Rev. William Mercer, pastor of the Radcliffe United Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga., will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, June 5 at 4 p. m. The dynamic clergyman holds the A. B. and S. T. B. degrees from Lincoln University (Penn.) and the M. A. degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1964 the Rev. Mercer received the D. D. degree from Knoxville College.

Barber-Scotia College's Alumni Day activities will take place on June 4 beginning with the Annual Alumni Meeting at 10 a. m. Preceding special reunion activities, Mrs. Lena Jason White, Class of '16, will deliver the annual alumni address. Mrs. White who was reared by missionary parents in Puerto Rico is presently parish secretary at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Hampton, Va.

THE 2ND GRADER rushed home and requested an advance on his allowance.

"What for?" his mother asked.

"A real big thing, mom. Father is leaving St. Mary's, and the kids want to give him a little momentum."



REGIONAL DIRECTOR

John Thompson Moore, Jr., was elected unanimously as Regional Director of Social Action by the Southern Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida, recently.

Among the national dignitaries at this Conclave, were the National President Maurice Moore of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mildred Boone, National Basileus of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; National Executive Secretary William E. Doar of New York City and Doctor Von Mizell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to his newly-elected position, Mr. Moore is a member of the American Association of University of College Professors, the newly integrated Florida Education-Florida State Teachers Association and the American Legion. He is a 1948 graduate of St. Augustine's College and received his master's degree at Howard University.

At the present time, he teaches history at Edward Waters College.

'Snow Black And 7 Whites' Staged At Bennett

GREENSBORO--Representatives of Cone Residence Hall, with their skit, "Snow Black and the Seven Whites," captured first honors on the annual May Day program here Saturday.

Competitors geared their original presentations to the theme: "Fantasy Land." Second honors went to Reynolds Hall while Merner was third. Honorable mention went to Barge Hall.

Prior to the program, Dr. Chauncey G. Winston, acting president, crowned the queen, Miss Bernadine Harris, of Roanoke, Virginia.

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Cop Slayer Granted Stay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Aaron Mitchell, 36, convicted of the Dec. 11, 1962 slaying of a Sacramento policeman and sentenced to die in the San Quentin gas chamber, was granted a stay on the eve of his scheduled execution.

The stay was granted by U. S. District Judge Alfonso J. Zirpoli until a hearing can be held on whether Mitchell testified at his trial because he was afraid his refusal to do so would damage his defense in the eyes of the jurors.

Since his trial, the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that a judge shall not point out to a jury that a defendant refused to testify.



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EXPOSES FEAR
NEW YORK - A fear that Southern school districts will copy de facto segregation patterns from the North has been expressed by U. S. Commissioner of Education Howard Howe, II. "De facto segregation," he said, "may develop in the south as the old dual system disappears and as more fortunate white families flee to the suburbs."

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