

## Labor Department Asks Urban League For Help

WASHINGTON - The National Urban League has been requested to help the Department of Labor improve communication with low income groups by Charles Angell, Philadelphia Regional Director of the Department's Wage-Hour Division.

Attending the annual conference of the Urban League, Angell recommended to members that the League begin working with Wage-Hour compliance officers to help improve the economic status of persons living in ghetto areas.

"There is an important need for the League to acquaint workers with their legal right to wage protection, particularly those living in poverty areas in which the League has concentrated its activity," Angell stated.

"The Wage-Hour Division is interested in removing from exploitation persons receiving less than the minimum wage," he explained. "In what better way could both Wage-Hour and the League achieve their objectives of assisting the needy poor and disadvantaged than working together to communicate these rights more effectively to workers in the ghetto areas?" he asked.

Angell pointed out that the Wage-Hour Division has more than 1,000 Compliance Officers working in most major cities throughout the country to enforce Wage-Hour programs. These include the minimum wage, overtime, and equal pay provisions of the Wage-Hour law, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and special wage provisions for employees working for firms with government contracts. Many employees are unaware of their rights under

these laws. He noted that during Fiscal Year 1969, \$85 million was found in back wages by Wage-Hour Compliance Officers due 477,434 persons.

"This enforcement program helped raise thousands of persons above the poverty line and enabled them to maintain the basic necessities of life," Angell declared. "I am sure that through improved enforcement, educational efforts, and support from such private groups as the Urban League, thousands more workers will receive these benefits to which they are entitled under law," he said.

Angell called President Nixon's poverty program objectives "wholesome" and said he found "stimulating" the President's aims and methods of improving field operations of Federal agencies, particularly as they affect the Wage-Hour Division.

He said the President has directed most Federal agencies to decentralize their field operations and give field personnel more policy-making authority where feasible.

### Getting Ready

RALEIGH, N. C. — (NPD)—Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, the first Black man to seek the gubernatorial nomination in North Carolina, has begun his campaign drive anew to win the post in 1972. As chairman of North Carolina Committee for More Representative Political Participation, he told a day-long conference at Shaw University recently, that "conservative estimates are that at least 500,000 of the 700,000 eligible Black voters will have been registered by 1972."



**NEW HONORARY DELTA** - Mrs. Lyda M. Merrick, of Durham, is congratulated by her two daughters after being initiated as a new honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The daughters, both Deltas, Mrs. Constance Watts, also of Durham and Mrs. Vivian Sansom of Raleigh. Mrs. Merrick has collected materials for the Negro Braille Magazine, edited and had it published national convention in Baltimore, Md.

## Railroads' Policy Can Be Challenged, Court Declares

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The railroads' historic policy of hiring only blacks as train porters and whites as brakemen, even though they perform virtually the same function, can be challenged under the federal unlawful discriminatory employment practices law, a federal court has held.

Judge Gibson, speaking for the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit in Norman v. Missouri Pacific Railroad, 60LC 9282 (C. A. 8, 1969), said a group of black train porters could sue a railroad under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act despite previous court decisions giving jurisdiction over craft classification suits to the National Mediation Board, which was set up under the Railroad Labor Act. A United States District Court had earlier barred the suit, saying that only the board had jurisdiction over the matter.

The plaintiffs in the suit charge that the railroad has violated Title VII by classifying them as train porters on the basis of their race. They allege that because of such classification they are denied equal employment opportunities, compensation, and advancement as compared with their white counterparts, the brakemen.

Located in St. Louis, Missouri, the Circuit Court took no position on the substance of these factual allegations. It only held that the plaintiffs had the right to bring suit to prove their charges. The case will now be sent down to the District Court for a trial on the matter.

The Court held that the plaintiffs had no practical and adequate remedy under the Railway Labor Act for their complaints of racial discrimination because that Act is being primarily concerned with labor relations. It also said that the act was not intended by Congress to enable employers to avoid their duty under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act not to discriminate in employment.

"While we view the Railroad as in the middle of disputes of this type," the Court said, "we do not think the Railroad can violate the plain provisions set forth in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and use as a defense the historic class or craft classifications and the requirements of the Railway Labor Act."

The Court also concluded that the relevant labor unions, which were not named in the suit, were not indispensable parties and there could be a remedy without affecting them prejudicially.

EEOC administers Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

## Say Wallace May Try For '72 Presidency

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - (NPD) - George C. Wallace is down, but not out.

Defeated in his campaign for President, the short segregationist is expected to begin a new Presidential bid by seeking another term as Alabama governor next spring.

He would use his position as governor as a base for a Presidential campaign in 1972, local politicians speculate.

Wallace reportedly will oppose Gov. Albert P. Brewer in the Democratic primaries next spring. Should Wallace win the gubernatorial election, his American Independent party would be given a needed shot in the arm.

The former governor says only that he has "no plans—for the moment," but it is unlikely that he would turn down a chance to promote his brand of politics.

**Banks, Williams Stars**  
CHICAGO — First baseman Ernie Banks and outfielder Billy Williams slammed home runs to the delight of 33,333 fans in White Sox Park last week, at the high-flying Chicago Cubs defeated their cross-town rivals, 2-0, in Chicago's annual midsummer charity baseball game. By winning, the Cubs, currently leading the Eastern Division of National League, broke a five-year victory streak by the Pale Hose.

## BEHIND YOUR HEALTH

H. E. Kingman, Jr., D.V.M.

Unravelling the mystery of viruses is a study of life itself involving both man and animals—the victims of these invisible invaders.

The first breakthrough in preventing viral diseases, vaccination to protect against small pox, came out of work in comparative medicine—study of diseases common to man and other animals. Sophisticated techniques like tissue, cell and embryo cultures and electron microscopy have greatly refined modern research, but the experimental animal retains a vital role in the continuing search for an understanding of the many diseases caused by viruses, among them hepatitis, the common cold, and possibly some cancers.

Milestones in virology, like Louis Pasteur's rabies vaccine and Max Theiler's vaccine for yellow fever, were the dividends of exhaustive research on animals. Countless animals aided in the fifty years of research leading up to the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines.

In the future it may be easier to combat viruses by altering their chemical structure or inducing the body's own built-in wonder drug "interferon" to fight off viral infections. Whatever the course of research, animals are sure to play an essential part. The partnership between the virus researcher and his experimental animal has been a reaffirmation of the close interrelationship of the entire animal world and the wisdom in the dictum: "Study life to protect life."

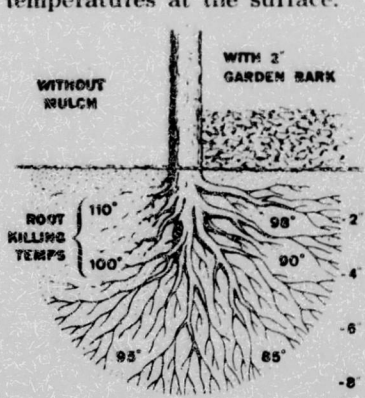
For a free pamphlet on viruses, write National Society for Medical Research, Public Information, 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.



### Mulch Keeps Soil Temperatures Down

"Mulch" is a 2 to 3-inch layer of material such as peat moss, sawdust or other organic matter. In some areas, ground corn cobs, buckwheat hulls, or cocoa bean shells are used. Straw is widely applied in the fall as a through-the-winter mulch. The use of bark chunks is becoming more widespread, as bark is not only beneficial as a mulch, it's decorative as well.

A good mulch benefits the soil in a number of ways. It conserves moisture by slowing evaporation of water; it eases cultivation by suppressing the growth of weeds; it prevents the "crusting" of soil, helping water penetrate into the root zone; and it insulates against the hot summer sun. Soil temperatures under a 2-inch mulch will be 6 to 8 degrees lower than soil without mulch, thus eliminating root-killing high temperatures at the surface.



Garden Bark, a bark mulch made by the Weyerhaeuser Company, comes in two grades. Regular, with chunks 1/4" to 1" in size is the most popular for everyday usage around trees and shrubs, in flower beds and along borders, and Extra Coarse with chunks 1" to 3" in size adds an attractive "textured" effect to your garden.



by Mary Reynolds

The dictionary says punch is "a beverage composed of fruit juices." The homemaker serves punch to celebrate happy occasions; while most youngsters find punch a favorite drink almost any time. Punch actually fits all three definitions, and many others as well.

### True Fruit Punch

Canned and frozen punches blend a variety of fruit juices. Hawaiian Punch, for example, offers punches made with the juices of the fruits of the Islands... pineapple, passionfruit, papaya, guava. Mixed with more conventional juices such as orange juice. These colorful punches can be used in many unusual ways.

### Ideas With Punch

Undiluted frozen punch concentrate makes a delicious ice cream sauce. Spoon thawed fruit juicy red concentrate over vanilla ice cream balls or orange concentrate over chocolate. Pineapple punch makes an easy island-style adult drink. Mixed with rum, it duplicates many of the punch drinks of Hawaii and the Caribbean.

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