

Togo Receives UN Recognition For Efforts Reducing Population

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Recognized by the United Nations for its efforts in reducing population growth, the West African nation of Togo was awarded the 1989 UN Population Award for its National Family Welfare Program. As the first African recipient of the UN Population Award, Togo's efforts will set an example for others to emulate, the UN announced.

Javier Perez de Cuellar, secretary-general of the UN, who presented the award, stated, "Togo's efforts since the beginning of the 1980s have begun to bear fruit." He commended Togo on its program and particularly on its "spectacular reduction in maternal and infant mortality."

Togo's commitment to the objectives of its National Family Welfare Program has resulted in infant mortality dropping by more than 50 percent since 1970. Togo's population rate increase has dropped from 3.4 percent in 1970 to 2.9 percent in

1987-88. The fertility rate has also dropped from 6.6 percent in 1970 to six percent in 1987-88.

The program's focus on family planning has brought about a major increase in the use of contraceptives. Since 1984, the use of condoms and spermicides have both increased by more than 300 percent.

Seeking to sustain long-term development, Togo's President Gnassingbe Eyadema instituted a "green revolution" policy of agricultural self-sufficiency in 1977. This policy included improvement in the quality of life of the Togolese population, but particularly for mother and child. Togo's National Family Welfare Program was created to accomplish this particular goal.

Created in 1977, this program's long-term objective is to disseminate information about and provide family, maternal and child health care to

the Togolese population, currently estimated at 3.1 million. In order to carry out the information campaign, 1,856 health care professionals from the Ministry of Public Health, including doctors, social workers and nurses, were trained.

Since 1983, 27 clinics have been set up and fully equipped to provide family health care as well as family planning contraception services. Medical personnel trained to provide family health care services have included 19 doctors, 63 midwives, 13 medical assistants, and 37 nurses and social workers.

In 1987, as a result of a pilot program providing family planning services in the clinics, 10,897 women began using birth control methods, including oral contraceptives and barrier methods. In each of Togo's five districts, five to 10 medical dispensaries have also been set up to provide over-the-counter barrier methods of contraception.

Mayor Barry Plans To Campaign Despite Personal Woes, Scandals

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Mayor Marion Barry, Jr. disclosed plans to seek a new term last week, despite an 11-year administration punctuated by scandal, in a decision complicating the political future of Jesse Jackson.

Barry, 53, said through an aide that he will run for re-election in 1990 and expects Jackson's support. The announcement ended months of speculation about whether a combination of personal woes and the city's crime and budget difficulties would discourage Barry from running for an unprecedented fourth term.

Jackson had disclosed plans earlier in the week to move to Washington by Sept. 1. And he had done nothing to discourage speculation that he was eyeing the mayor's chair, although aides said he would not run against Barry, an old ally from civil rights days.

But the two-time Democratic presidential contender quickly pulled back after Barry spread word of his plans, telling the Detroit Free Press last Thursday, "I have no plans to run for mayor."

"I'll be doing more and more work out of Washington for the cause of the Rainbow Coalition," he said of his political organization.

Barry, also a Democrat, was traveling to a National League of Cities conference in Minneapolis and was unavailable for comment.

Jackson was en route from Detroit to Chicago and could not be reached. Jackson said in the newspaper in-

terview, "Our basic work, whether it's same-day [voter] registration, or day-care legislation, or our reinvestment plan, or affordable housing, is all kind-of Washington-centered. It makes more sense for my wife and me to have a house there three or four days a week than to stay in a hotel."

In the past six months, several of Barry's top appointees have resigned, a former top adviser has been indicted on fraud and conspiracy charges, and the mayor himself has twice testified before a federal grand jury about ties to a man convicted of selling drugs in the Virgin Islands.

That man, Charles Lewis, is awaiting trial—recently postponed to September—on additional drug charges in Washington. He came under federal investigation after city police called off an attempt to make an undercover drug buy from him after learning Barry was in Lewis' Washington hotel room.

As for the mayor's race, one aide familiar with Barry's political strategy said the disclosure of his plans was designed to keep Jackson from gathering momentum in an unannounced campaign for mayor, particularly in the event that the drug trial produced more unfavorable publicity for the mayor.

Barry has been concerned that if Jackson moves to Washington, adn Barry is damaged by the Lewis trial, "Jesse will gather a full head of steam and be unstoppable," said the aide.

The mayor had planned to make his announcement in the fall, the aide said.

Jackson has never held elective office, and a term as mayor was seen by some of his supporters as a way to add such experience to his political resume, while avoiding a third run for the Democratic presidential nomination at a time he seemed unlikely to win.

Barry, in addition to his personal problems, is struggling with the city's murder rate and is having to deal with growing budget problems.

Through Friday, 229 persons had been killed in Washington in 1989, 70 more than at the same time last year. A record 372 persons were killed in the district in 1988, and police blame more than 60 percent of those deaths on drugs.

Airman Robinson Assigned Post

Air Force Airman Felita A. Robinson, daughter of LaVerne Pirtle of Rural Route 1, Whiteville, Tenn., and Leon Murphy of 501 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, has arrived for duty at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

Robinson is an administration specialist with the 351st Supply Squadron.

She is a 1988 graduate of Bolivar Central High School, Tenn.



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