

National Homicide Rate Up Among U.S. Young Men

The homicide rate among young men in the United States is four to 73 times higher than in other industrialized nations, federal researchers have reported.

They said firearms had been used in three-fourths of the killings in the United States and in only one-fourth of those overseas.

Researchers at the National Center for Health Statistics said 4,223 American men from ages 15 to 24 had been killed in 1987, a rate of 21.9 per 100,000.

They said the rate for black men in that age group was 85.6 per 100,000, an increase of 40 percent since 1984.

In contrast, the rates in 21 other countries for men in the same age group ranged from a high of five per 100,000 in Scotland to a low of 0.3 per 100,000 in Austria.

"I knew intuitively that our rates were high, but I never dreamed that they would be so staggering compared to other countries or that such a large percentage would be firearm-related," said Lois A. Fingerhut, co-author of the study, published last week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

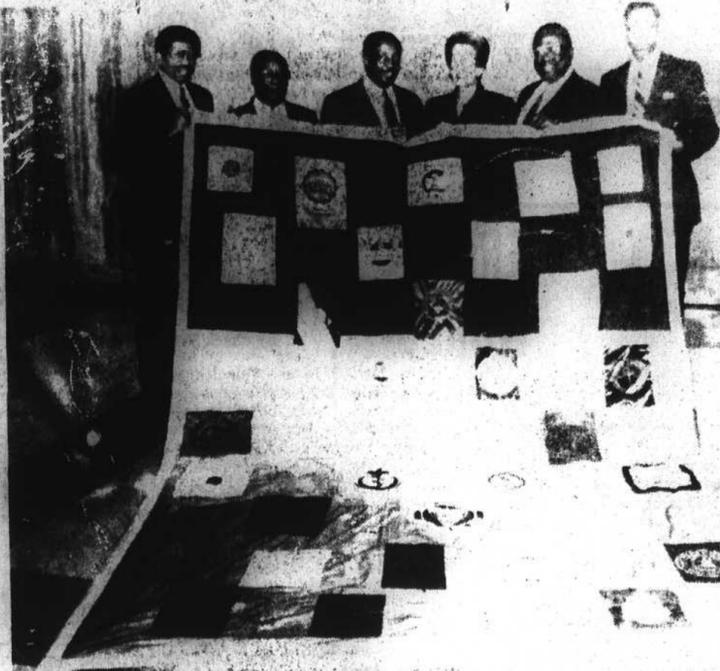
Ms. Fingerhut and her co-author, Joel C. Kleinman, focused on young men because one-fifth of all murders are in this group and because homicide is the leading cause of death among young black men.

The researchers also studied homicide rates for whites and blacks in 25 larger states and found considerable variation.

NONRESISTANCE

Being nonresistant, we do not feel ourselves of higher grade than others. We do not feel differences; we consider likenesses. We have no enemies, because we are not anyone's enemy.

Mary Juperie



HONORARY DEGREES — The quilt representing honorary degrees from 38 historically black colleges and universities that was to be presented to Nelson Mandela at the Academic Convocation is shown being held by Dr. Calvert Smith, President of Morris Brown College; Dr. James Goodman, President of Morehouse School of

Medicine; Dr. Leroy Keith, President of Morehouse College; Dr. Johnetta Cole, President of Spelman College; Dr. James Coates, President of Interdenominational Theological Center and Dr. Thomas Cole, President of Clark Atlanta University.

Seminar Focuses On How 'Eyes On The Prize' Can Be Used In School

MEDFORD, Mass.—A five-day seminar at Tufts University is exploring ways in which the PBS television series "Eyes on the Prize" can be integrated into American history programs in public and private schools

as well as into community education programs. The seminar began Sunday.

"It is essentially the next step in what we hope is a two- to three-year program for educators to strengthen the teaching of the civil rights movement and to build a network of educators who have focused on civil rights teaching," said Robert Hollister, director of the Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University, a co-sponsor of the "Eyes on the Prize Institute for Educators."

"We hope this will rekindle the passion for justice of the civil rights movement," said Loretta Williams, institute director. "What we have in 'Eyes on the Prize' is one of the great epic stories of this age."

Since its inception last November, sponsors of the institute have established a five-fold list of objectives, which includes:

- To strengthen participants' ability to teach civil rights history.
- To develop and test models of teacher education for eventual replication nationally.
- To generate teaching materials and tools.
- To establish a network of teachers, administrators and others concerned with improving civil rights education.
- To support development of a larger civil rights educational program around a proposed "Eyes on the Prize" archive of historical materials.

The recurring theme throughout these objectives, Hollister said, is

that civil rights-era history is not just Afro-American history, it is American history.

"In many school systems, there is a tendency to treat civil rights and race relations as a separate topic—to 'ghettoize' it. Our purpose is to make the movement fully representative of American history and American government," he said.

Through a combination of presentations, video clips and small group sessions involving more than 30 educators, most of whom teach in Boston-area high schools, participants will attempt to answer questions about the meaning of racial equality, why non-violence has remained the hallmark of the civil rights movement and media depictions of the races, among other issues.

Guest speakers will include Henry Hampton, executive producer of the PBS series.

College Financial Aid To Put Squeeze On Parents

College students and their parents are going to feel squeezed a little harder this time as they begin filling out those financial aid forms, according to Bal K. Sansi, executive director of Scholarship Matching Service of Naperville, Ill.

Students and parents will want to hold onto their seats (or their pocket-books) as federal dollars for student aid become more scarce, because of the budget crunch. For those students or parents who do not want to take this lying down, or cannot afford to, help may be near at hand.

State programs are available for college education. Each state has its own prerequisites and application forms and this aid is generally limited to residents of the state for institutions within that state. According to the National Commission for Cooperative Education located in Boston, Mass., many students in a number of colleges around the country are working part-time in funding their education and thereby also gaining valuable work experience.

Scholarship Matching Service offers a three-step guide describing the search for the private, non-federal sources of money available to college students, along with its computer search services that help in finding this money. These searches typically are guaranteed, provide for a small

fee, and a list of six to 25 sources, six of which are guaranteed or the fee is refunded. These searches cover data that most college aid offices do not have the manpower to access. They locate money provided by corporations, trade groups, associations, clubs, unions, and the like. The above help is available by calling toll-free 1-800-872-1221, Ext. 6025.

With the present administration in office, with massive deficits, and new taxes imminent, the administration is perhaps hoping that the private sector will one day take over much of what the government had been supplying. When it comes to college financial aid, surprisingly, more than \$6 billion in assistance is available from private sources nationally. In some instances, portions of this money never get disbursed due to a lack of students applying.

"Many students and parents don't have any idea this money exists, or if they do, they just don't know where to find it or how to apply," explains Sansi. "With the means to access many different databases totaling billions of dollars worth of scholarship details available, a student or parent can find out quickly just where the money is and that they qualify to receive."

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