Judge won't tell locals to merge

HOUSTON, Tex. — A federal district judge in Texas has refused to order the merger solution to the problem must of "sister" union locals — include a merger of the which are segregated by race locals."

and paired — and which he says are discriminatory by nature but may not violate federal civil rights laws.

Judge Reynaldo Garza said, "this court cannot believe that it was the intention of Congress to condemn all

segregated locals, nor is this court satisfied that the only

The judge suggested that the Justice Department or the International Longshoremen's Association appeal his decision to the United Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for a decision on the law.

The Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department had asked Judge Garza to order the merger which he refused.

fused to order, of all-black and all-white I.L.A. locals where there exist in Texas.

There are 37 union locals involved—18 white and 19 black. Two have only Mexican-American members. All the union locals oppose the merger except the black unions, and there is divided 50-50 between white and black members.

The judge said that it was evident that maintenance of union locals segregated by race was discriminatory, but he said he was not satisfied that "the only solution to the problem must include a merger of the locals, for a plan or scheme can be devised that would eradicate the inequity of the basic findings made above."

"The court has to be mindful of the great necessity of protecting the rights of those (black and white) who have spent their lives on the waterfront, as compared to those who only work on the waterfront as a sideline," Garza said.

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Generally, longshore work results in one race getting more work than the other since the union locals are rarely the same size.

"If in any port there are 100 whites and 200 Negroes and the work is divided 50-50, will work more hours than will work more hours than the Negroes," the judge said.

A spokesmen for the Justice Department said that the government had not decided

if it would appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court to ask that the merger of the locals be ordered. He said the situation was being studied.

A similar case brought in Baltimore last year is now being considered by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In that case, which involved two union locals, a federal district judge ruled that maintaining "sister locals" was not only discriminatory but also a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

HONORED — James M. Roche (C), chairman of the board of General Motors, accepts the "Friends Award" from Berkley Burrell (L), president to President Nixon. The occasion was Robert J. Brown (R), special assistant of the National Business League, and a recent testimonial luncheon in the nation's capital. More than 125 blacks from across the country came to pay homage to Roche who is retiring as GM chairman at the end of the year. Roche was described as "A man who is big enough to be chairman of the board of GM and small enough to be a fighter in the struggle for obtaining equal justice for all Americans, regardless of race, creed or color." Brown and Burrell were co-chairmen of the affair.

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Stillman profs participate in AMS meeting

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Two Stillman College faculty members were among those presenting papers at a regional meeting of the American Mathematical Society held at Auburn, Alabama.

Dr. Japheth Hall Jr., presented a paper entitel "Order Relations Determined by Coverings of Sets," and Mrs. Carol Garrett, instructor, discussed "Almost Continuous Functions."

Dr. Hall also will present a paper at the 78th annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society at Las Vegas, Jan. 17-20, 1972. The japper is entitled "Catering Dimensions of Topological Spaces."

for lost wire $6,000 asked

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Juan Avelar sued Western Union Thursday for $6,000 because a telegram wasn't delivered.

Avelar, a meat cutter, said the telegram was sent in May by his employer, notifying him he should come back to work after a layoff. Avelar said the telegram never reached him, he didn't go back to work, and he wants Western Union to reimburse him for eight months lost wages.

THE JUDGES — Common Pleas Court Judge, Clifford Scott Green, (1) newly elected board chairman of the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia, discusses future plans of the association with Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, outgoing board chairman. The association, a United Fund agency, operates three boys' and girls' club, and numerous other recreational and child care facilities throughout the city.

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Journalism prof laments neglect of minority press

MAHATTAN, Kan. — The black press, one of the richest sources for information on the black community and their history, has been sadly neglected, says Dr. Robert Bontrager, associate professor of journalism at Kansas State University.

Exposure to the black press is nothing new for Bontrager, who worked in Africa for 15 years as a school administrator. He was an editorial editor of a publishing firm, and manager of a firm which produced and distributed books and periodicals for Africans.

Since returning to this country in 1965, he has done research on the readership of newspapers and magazines by inner-city blacks.

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The results of Bontrager's studies are presented in a K-State course called "The Black Press." Students in this class examine the contemporary black press, and seek to understand its functions, operations, and problems against a background of its history and social position.

Bontrager's class, which is one of few courses in the United States which focuses entirely on the black press, drew an enrollment of 60 stuuents last year. The class is offered each semester and will be offered during the winter interim semester, Jan. 3-14.

Interestingly enough the greatest collection of black papers in the United States can be found in Topeka, Kansas," continues Bontrager.

He attributes the extensive collections to the foresight of the Kansas Publishers Association, which included black newspapers in their collection.

Most states ignored the black press in their collection of the state's newspaper, he says.

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Bontrager is among the few Americans who have studied the black press. Reports on his research appear in two books, published this year, "The Black Press, U.S.A.," by Roland E. Wolseley and "Mass Media and the National Experience," essays in communication history, edited by Ronald T. Farrar and John D. Stevens.

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"Black newspapers," he says, "are protest-oriented; are typical urban weeklies; are supplementary to the white daily press; and have a high mortality rate. Some tend to be sensational."

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The white newspaper in America was 135 years old when the first black paper was published in 1827, explains Bontrager. He estimates there have probably been more than 3,000 black papers but currently, only 200 publishing.

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Staffing and advertising are the major problems the black press faces, according to Bontrager. "The black press is a training ground for the black leader and journalist who will eventually join a white newspaper."

Television often captures the advertising that the black paper needs in order to exist, he says.

In his research Bontrager has found that more blacks read white newspapers than read black papers. They make more use of television than of any other medium. Black radio exists, but the ownership is mostly white.

"The post-civil war reconstruction era was the period when the black active newspaper my well have been the prototype for protest newspapers which later came out of the labor movement," he continues.

"The big medium for black journalism right now is the black magazine, he observes.

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Says Scott doesn't understand schools

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) — A civil rights leader has charged Gov. Bob Scott has no real understanding of the causes of public school unrest and should step down as chairman of a task force he is forming.

The Rev. Leon White, executive director of the North Carolina-Virginia Commission for Racial Justice, said a "fair and impartial citizen" such as Brooks Hays, chairman of the State Human Relations Commission, should fill the post.

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"Public school disruptions are not caused by hoodlumism, but by white racism and by direct failure of state and local school administrators to act responsibly to black students' just grievances," White said.

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He said he had sent a telegram to Scott saying "your lack of understanding of the real causes of unrest and tension in the public schools makes you unsuitable to chair the task force."

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Scott, expressing alarm about instances of violence in the schools, has called a Friday meeting in Raleigh at which a task force will try to work on solutions to school problems.

The governor has said he plans to invite educators, students, parents and other interested parties, including blacks, to the meeting.

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He said he hopes the group can come up with suggestions of actions at the state level, as well as the local level, which will ease tensions in the schools.

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Scott said he believes extensive busing has added to the problem, by bringing numerous students to a school area in which they have no feeling of community pride or interest.

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He said he also believed there was a problem with a lack of discipline in the schools, and he believes local task forces must be formed to work to relieve tensions.

There have been numerous incidents of fighting between blacks and whites in schools across the state this year, but Scott said he does not believe racial problems are the exclusive causes of friction.

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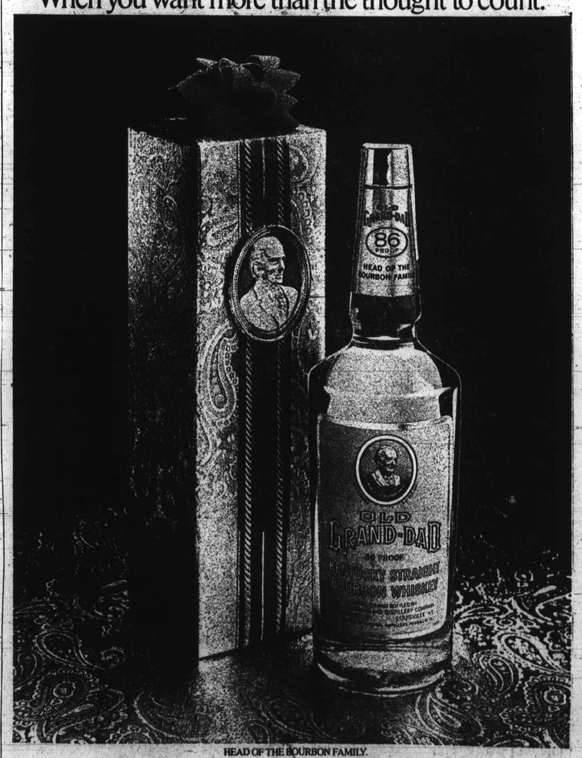

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ATTENTION AFRO READERS: There are only seven days until Christmas and already Mrs. Santa has received well over 2,000 letters from needy families.

Unfortunately she will not be able to print all these cases in the AFRO before then so she is pleading to you to please adopt a family.

To adopt a family for Christmas, you need only select the case you wish and call Mrs. Santa, who in real life is Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke, at 728-8200 — Monday thru Thursday between 8:45 a.m.-noon or 1:15 p.m.-5 p.m.

THE AFRO OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON Christmas Eve.

It will not re-open until 8:45 on Monday, December 27. If you plan to help a family, call Mrs. Santa today.

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Last year, with the help of AFRO friends, AFRO Charities, Inc., the organization which sponsors the entire project was able to raise $10,231.90 which enabled Mrs. Santa to aide over 1,000 families.

This year, she has over $10,000 on hand, hopes to reach $15,000.

Please help Mrs. Santa make someone else's Christmas one to remember.

Don't forget, once you call and adopt a family, it is your responsibility to see that WHATEVER you donate is delivered.

SORRY, but Mrs. Santa will not accept any goods at the AFRO simply because she has no way of delivering your gifts.

Read these letters carefully and give Mrs. Santa a call. She is depending on you to adopt one of these deserving cases.

Call 728-8200 and ask for Mrs. Santa. She will give you names and addresses. You do the rest.

In previous editions, Mrs. Santa has published cases up to No. 452. On this page, she continues with cases beginning with No. 453.

Case 453: I am just asking for a Christmas basket for me and my children. I would appreciate it very much.

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Case 454: I am on the welfare and I have two children. I would like to have some clothing and some food. Please try to help me.

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Case 455: My husband is not able to work. I have three children and I am expecting another. I would like to have some warm clothing for the children. I will appreciate anything that you can do for me.

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Case 456: My husband and I are separated. I have six children and they are badly in need of clothing. Anything will be fine with me.

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Case 457: I am badly in need of a Christmas Basket of food. Will you please try and send me one. Thank you.

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Case 458: I am the mother of four and I am on the welfare. Please try and send me a Christmas Basket.

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Case 459: I have five grandchildren and I am unable to work because of bad health. Please send us a basket. Thank you.

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Case 460: My husband is not able to work. I have three children, and I would like to have a basket. Please try and send me one.

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Case 461: I have six children and one grandchild. Please try and send us food and clothes.

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Case 462: I am the mother of seven children. Please send us a Christmas basket to make our holiday happy.

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Case 463: I am writing for my sisters, brothers, and my mother. We need some clothes and food. Please try and help us.

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Case 464: I am writing for an elderly man in our neighborhood who doesn't have any warm clothes. Please send him something. He lives in a basement by himself.

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Case 465: I have three boys. They need food and clothes for Christmas. Please try and send them something.

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We have five children and

Case 466: My husband and i do not have much but we need food and clothing. they need anything that you can give us.

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Case 467: I have very, very bad health. I am in need of food. Please try and send me a Christmas basket.

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Case 468: I am 70-yearsold and I need some food and clothes.

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Case 469: Last year I was very unfortunate at Christmas because I had nothing at all. This year I am writing to see if I can get anything that can help me and my two children.

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Case 470: I do work but I receive very little income. Please try and help me and my three children and make our Christmas happy with anything you can give us.

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Case 471: I have four sons. They are badly in need of clothes, and food. Please try and help them.

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Case 472: My father passed away last year. We have very little money but mother does the best she can. Please send us food and clothes.

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Case 473: My husband was in an accident and is not able to work. He receives an unemployment check but it is not enough. We have three children and need food and clothes. Please try and help us.

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Case 474: I have two children and we need food and clothes. Please try and help us.

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Case 475: I am not able to work because of my health. I would like to have and need food and clothes. I will appreciate anything you can do.

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Case 476: I am on the welfare and we need food and clothes. My husband is not with us. Please send us some food and clothes for Christmas.

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Case 477: I am not married, have seven children and I am on the welfare. They need food and clothes. Please try and help us.

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Case 478: I have six children, five boys and one girl. They need food, clothes, and toys forChristmas. Please see what you can do for them.

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Case 479: I would like to have a Christmas basket for my family. It is for my sister, brother, mother, and me. Please try and send us one.

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Case 480: I have six children. We need food and clothes.

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Case 481: I have five children and I am on the welfare. My husband is very ill and is not able to work. We really need a Christmas basket. Please see what you can do for us.

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Case 482: I am on the welfare and have four children. We need clothes and food. Please help us. We are really in need.

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Case 483: I am a mother of seven and I am on the welfare. We need a Christmas basket. Help us Mrs. Santa.

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Case 484: I have three children and I am on the welfare. We need food and clothes.

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Case 485: I have three children and am on the welfare. The money we get is not enough to buy much. Please send us a basket.

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Case 486: I have four boys, four girls, and three grandchildren. We would like to have some food.

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Case 487: I am writing for my two sisters and four brothers. We are on the welfare and are in need of food and clothing. We need your help.

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Case 488: I have five children and I am not married. I would appreciate anything that you can do for them, with food clothing.

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Case 489: I have a crippled daughter and one grandchild. I am on the welfare and we need food badly.

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Case 490: I have three children and four brothers. My mother died and it is hard to keep things going. Please help us in any way that you can. We are hungry.

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Case 491: I have six children and we are desperate need of clothing. Please try and help us.

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Case 492: I have seven children and would like to have a basket. Please put us on your list.

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Case 493: I would like to have a basket of food for my children. We are in need.

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Case 494: I have four children, two girls and two boys. We are in need of food and clothes. Help us if you can.

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Case 495: I am a sick woman and need food and clothes. Help me.

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Case 496: I am a young mother of five children and they need warm clothes for winter. We also need food.

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Case 497: My daughter needs a coat for winter. We also need food.

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Case 499: I am writing for a neighbor who needs help with her four boys. She needs warm clothes and food. Please try and help them. They need it.

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Case 500: Last year was not a good one for my two children. I am hoping that this year will be better. They need food and clothes.

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Case 501: I have five children and they need food, clothes. Help us, if possible.

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Case 502: I am writing for my brother-in-law who is 71 years old. He needs food and clothes. Please help him.

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Case 503: I am sick and I have eight children. We need food and clothes. Please put us on your list.

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Case 504: I have six children and we need food and clothes. We would appreciate anything that you can give us.

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Case 505: My husband is in serious condition at the hospital. We need help badly. I have seven children who need food and clothes. Please help us.

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Case 506: I have three children and they have no clothes. Please help us.

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Case 515: I have three children and I need food and clothes for my children. Please try and help us.

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Case 516: My husband works but there isn't enough money for all of us. I am a sick woman and I have five children. We need food and clothes.

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Case 517: I am a mother of 7. My husband and I are separated and I would like to have a basket of food and a few toys for my children. Please help us if you can. Mrs. Santa has ages and sizes.

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Case 518: I hope you can help my three children and me. They need sweaters and hats to wear to school. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 519: My husband is our only source of income. He only makes enough to pay the bills. I have 5 kids and they need anything you can give. Like shoes and sweaters. Please help us. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 520: I am a mother of 3 and my husband walked out on us. I only have enough to pay the rent.

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Case 521: I am writing for a friend who has 4 children. Will you please send her a basket? Thank you. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 522: I get a little something from the welfare but its only enough to pay the bills. Please help us if you can.

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Case 523: I have 5 children and I don't have anything for them this Christmas. I just moved and it took everything I have. We are in need of EVERYTHING.

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Case 524: I am a mother of six. I just got out of the hospital and would appreciate anything you can give my children. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 525: I am a mother of 8 children and I am caring for 3 grandchildren because their mother is mentally retarded. I get a small amount from social services but after paying the bills there is nothing left. Some of my children are sick and it costs money for the medicine. Please help us with everything. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 526: I am writing for my aunt. She has 10 children and is a chronic asthma patient. They are in bad need of coats and shoes. She goes in the hospital 2 and 3 times a week. Please help her this year.

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Case 527: A friend of mine is a widow with five children. She has been having a hard time since her husband died. It would make her very happy to get a basket for Christmas.

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Case 528: I am the grandmother of four. I am asking you for a basket The children's mother is in the hospital. I am getting help from the Social Service. I am sick with heart trouble. Please help us.

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Case 529: I am 14 with three sisters. My father is sick with heart trouble. Please help us to have a nice Christmas.

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Case 530: I am a mother of six. My husband and I are separated. I get a welfare check but it doesn't go very far. I had saved $60 but my home was broken into and it was stolen. Please help me if you can, so that I can make my children happy.

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Case 531: I am a mother of four. We would appreciate some food and clothing. Pease Mrs. Santa, could you help us this year.

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Case 532: I am writing for a basket for my two children. We would appreciate anything you can send us. After I take care of the bills there isn't anything left for the kids. Thank you.

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Case 533: I am 15 and one of four children. My father is deceased and my mother is sick. Pease could you send us a basket so that our Christmas can be happy. She also has two of her grandchildre here.

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Case 534: I am on Social Services and have two grandchildren to take care of. I would like some nice shoes and a coat for myself. We also need heat and some food.

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Case 535: My husband was in an accident and is totally disabled. We get a small income but by the time I pay the rent, there isn't anything left. I would really like a basket for my eight children.

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Case 537: I am a mother of five children and I am on the welfare I need food and clothes for my children. Please try to help.

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Case 538: I am a sick woman with six children and I am on the welfare. I need food, clothes, for the children. Anything you do will be appreciated.

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Case 539: I have four children and receive a small check at the end of the month. We need food and clothing. We need your help.

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Case 540: I have been a very good girl but I have no money for a nice warm coat. Can you send me one please? Thank you.

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Case 541: I have five children and because of sickness I am not able to work. I would really appreciate some food and clothes.

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Case 542: I have eight children and one grandchild. We need food and clothes badly, Please put us on your list.

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Case 543: I am the mother of three children and I am on the welfare. I need food and clothes. Please try to help.

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Case 544: I have nine children. They all need winter clothes especially my 15-year-old son. We would also appreciate some food.

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Case 545: I am writing for a friend who needs food and clothes badly. She has five children and their father left them eight months ago. Please try to help her. She needs it.

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Case 546: I have four children and only receive a Social Service check. It is hardly enough to get by. We will appreciate anything that you can give us.

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Case 547: I have five sons and one daughter. Please send me anything you can to make their Christmas happy. Thank you.

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Case 548: I am separated from my husband and I am presently on the welfare. Please send something to my children to make their Christmas enjoyable. They will appreciate anything.

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Case 549: Please send my children a basket. They would really like to have a good Christmas dinner.

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Case 550: I have two boys and one girl. Please send them some clothes.

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Case 551: I have two children and they would really like to eat a decent dinner this year. Please send us a basket.

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Case 552: I have eight children and they need food and clothes. Please try and send them something.

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Case 553: I am sick and I am not able to work. I have one child who is retarded. We need food badly.

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Case 554: I have four children and they need food and clothes badly. Please put us on your list.

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Case 555: My husband was in an accident and is not able to work. We have six children and without your help they will not have much of a Christmas. We will appreciate clothes and food or anything.

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Case 556: There are ten children in our family. We have no father. Please try and make our Christmas happy with anything that you can give us.

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Case 557: I have three children. We shall be thankful for whatever it is that you can give us.

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Case 558: I am not able to work because of my health. I have two children and another on the way. Please help us in any way you can.

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Case 559: I have a retarded son and have very, very little money. Please send us a basket.

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Case 560: I have nine sisters and brothers. My father does not live with us. My mother is sick and there is very little money in our house. I am asking for a Christmas basket for our family. We really would appreciate it.

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Case 561: I have 14 sisters and brothers. We would like to have a Christmas basket so some of the food can go to our sick mother. Please try to help us.

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Case 562: I am the father of six. I have tried to get jobs but it is hard for me to remain on one job with such low salary. Please try to help my kids have a happy Christmas.

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Case 563: I am the mother of four; three daughters and a son. We can use some warm clothes badly especially because of the winter season. Please, please try to help us.

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Case 564: We are a family of five and need food. Please try and send us something. Anything will be appreciated.

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Case 565: I am not able to work and on the welfare. Two of my children live with me. Their mother has the other children but is not able to take care of these two. Please help us, Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 566: My mother has been in the hospital. We really need shoes and clothes. Please Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 567: My husband is not able to work because he recently had surgery. I am sick with heart trouble. I am a mother of 5. Please help us with EVERYTHING. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 568: My husband only works part-time and doesn't get much money. Please help us this Christmas.

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Case 569: I am a mother of three. They are in need of warm clothing. After paying the rent there isn't much left. Please help us to have a nice Christmas. Mrs. Santa has sizes.

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Case 570: I am a mother of three. Please help us out with anything you can.

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Case 571: I am a widow living on Social Security. I suffer with a fractured ankle but it is getting better. Please send me a small basket.

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Case 572: I am a mother of three. I am going in the hospital. I would like for them to have a happy Christmas. Mrs. Santa has ages.

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Case 573: My husband is not making much money and we have three children. I would appreciate anything you can give.

CHRISTMAS GIVING—Mrs. Santa, who in real life is Mrs. Marie P. Cooke, gladly accepts check for $75 from Bernard E. Madison, architect, who recently moved to Baltimore from Cleveland, Ohio. His firm, which is located at 2225 N. Charles St. has been commissioned to design major projects as Mt. Vernon Plaza, Primary School No. 135; Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Building, Drug Abuse Center, Mt. Winans Urban Renewal project and the Institutional Training Building at the Jessup Correctional Institute. Mr. Madison has worked with such community organizations as the Upton Planning Committee; St. Georges Charette. Model Cities Council and the Metropolitan Board of the Y.M.C.A.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION from the Happy Ladies for $50. Shown here with Mrs. Santa's helper, Miss Rachael M. Phillips. is president, Mrs. Herietta Cooper. Other members include: Mesdames Anne Keys, Bertha Christian, Dorothy Weaver, Mable Jones, Madeline Phillips, Daisy Johnson and Lillian Owens.

'Anything you do will be appreciated'

Case 536: I am the mother of two children and I am on the welfare. On December 6, 1970, my house caught on fire and I lost nearly everything. I am now living with my mother because I still have not gotten myself together.

My children did not have a Christmas last year. I am hoping that you can send me anything because we are really in need. My children's ages are ten and eight.

Please try to help them understand the meaning of Christmas this year. Anything you do will be appreciated.

PROFESSIONAL MODELS—AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Marie P. Cooke, accepts check for $50 Diana Kane Models. Shown here (L to R) Mrs. Diana Kane and Mrs. Nannette "Twiggy" Cooper.

MORE MONEY—The Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee of Maryland presents Mrs. Santa's helper (Miss Amie Woolridge) a check for $50 (L to r.) are Miss Gladys Barbour, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Mrs. Santa's helper, and Mrs. Pauline Scott.