—Unemployment of Black Workers

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Black unemployment rates.

This Bill, known as the Public Service Employment Bill, will provide 1.15 million public service jobs and an authorization of three billion dollars this year.

When fully operating, the program will be funded at $10 billion annually and will generate several million more jobs in the private sector, thereby more than paying its own way in taxes collected.

"The Congressional Black Caucus must lead the fight for the passage of the legislation," Mitchell said. "for we are in actuality talking about the survival of Blacks in our Cities."

"As is the usual case," the Congressman said, "Blacks are feeling the crunch of the present crisis more harshly than any other group in the Nation, and the crisis has a spill over effect in many areas."

An indication of the spill over is found in the situation where companies hit by the energy crisis are laying off on the basis of seniority," he stated, "and because we (Blacks) have just managed to get into certain industries (the air transportation industry, for example) we are terminated first, thereby re-affirming the last hired first fired axiom."

He continued, "I greatly fear that some companies will use the energy crisis to cover discriminatory practices, and I have therefore written the Equal Opportunity Commission urging that an especial vigilance be kept on hiring and firing practices during this critical time."

MARYLAND CRITICAL

To further illustrate the widening effects of unemployment, Congressman Mitchell referred to correspondence received from the executive director of the Employment Security Administration.

The correspondence indicates that "the avalanche of claims, some substantial part of which is obviously due to real or anticipated energy shortages" and that "there are no additional budget funds to permit ESA to staff up," thus making the situation in Maryland Critical.

The letter from ESA states flatly that the Administration is threatened with system failure because its personnel in the local offices are working to the very limit of physical endurance.

Mitchell will schedule a meeting with Department of Labor Officials in an effort to secure supplemental funds for ESA so it can cope with an excessively heavy workload.

MUST CREATE JOBS

"Government must face this crucial problem of Black unemployment by serving as the employer of last resort, creating jobs for the unemployed and the under-employed," Mitchell argued, "for if it does not, the predictions of Senator Proxmire's Subcommittee will certainly come true."

Proxmire has indicated that if unemployment in Fiscal Year 1975 averages 6 per cent nationally, an additional $5 billion will have to be spent for unemployment compensation, bringing total government spending to $302 billion, thus creating a $20 billion national budget deficit for the Fiscal Year 1975.

In concluding his announcement, Congressman Mitchell said, "The prophetic words of the National Urban League's June, 1963 statement carry a terrible urgency with them today . . ." remember the statement said, "In these teeming Northern ghettos, hundreds of thousands of Black citizens — struggling beneath the mounting burden of automation, over-crowding and subtle discrimination — are reaching the breaking point.

"These are the unemployed, the ill-housed, the disillusioned. It is they who are seething with the lava of deprivation and denial, out of which violence and bloodshed can erupt at any moment unless swift and realistic effort is exerted to prevent it."

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land, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands, Israel, Australia, Japan and South Africa.

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According to Dr. Salvator Raiti, director of the National Pituitary Agency (which has Baltimore as its center) HGH is not a magic serum for instant growth, but it can aid hypopituitary children such as Joseph "realize their growth potentiality."

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A growth chart kept by Dr. Raiti and his assistants, Dr. Noel Maclaren and Glen Taylor shows that prior to receiving HGH injections, Joseph's rate of growth was not only substandard but was moving away from the minimum average growth rate.

The chart reveals that prior to his second birthday Joseph was growing at a rate of two inches per year instead of the normal five. He also experienced convulsions due to low blood sugar which necessitated his having to be fed every four hours.

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"Before the injections, he was allergic to proteins, but now he can eat anything," says Joseph's mother, Mrs. Betty Jones.

Mrs. Jones said that her son had his first convulsion when he was 24-days-old and it wasn't until three weeks later that his condition was diagnosed as hypopituitary dwarfism.

"He functions just like a normal 2-year-old child and since he started receiving treatments he has grown one inch and gained one pound," Mrs. Jones noted, adding that "it's going to be a very slow process."

Slow, but sure is the general consensus.

Dr. Raiti calculates that at his normal, post-injection rate of growth, Joseph will grow 5 to 6 inches in the next year, 4 to 5 inches the following year and 3 to 4 inches thereafter until he reaches the age of 16 or 17.

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Joseph is one of five children being treated for hypopituitary related diseases at University Hospital. Johns Hopkins Hospital, with its expanded facilities, presently treats some 40 such patients, many of whom are referrals from other parts of the world.

HGH injections usually hold their effect for three days and then must be readministered (usually at home in much the same manner in which a diabetic injects insulin).

According to Dr. Raiti, at least 120 pituitaries are needed in order to treat one child per year. Last year enough of the pea-size organs were collected to treat 620 children around the U.S.

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Emotional neglect and/or poor environmental conditions can also lead to some variant form of dwarfism according to Dr. Maclaren.

"I think this occurs much more than any of us realize," he stated, adding that it would be hard to document this type of pituitary disorder because many parents "aren't willing to give out that type of information."

Both doctors agreed, however, that low income neighborhoods would be the spawning grounds of this type of dwarfism and could best be corrected by environmental change.

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What's in store for the future?

Dr. Raiti states that when HGH is available on a wide-scale, it might be possible to increase the heights of individuals who don't have any pituitary disorder.

"For the time being," Dr. Raiti states, "we cannot make kids grow past their growth potential, we can only help them reach it."

Spruill trial

The Lonnie Spruill murder trail was set to continue today (Friday) in Criminal Court before Judge Robert B. Watts.

A total of 12 witnesses were to be called to testify Thursday.

However, all were sent home when the trial was ordered postponed. Judge Watts was still tied up with another jury trial which continued longer than expected.

The Spruill murded case has been rescheduled for Feb. 21.

James Luck Jr., an eyewitness will testify for the state.

Other state witnesses are George Hill, an employee at the Chevrolet Plant; Officer Constanden Valachos and Detective R. E. Miklos. Mrs. Mary Ann Willin is the prosecutor.

Defense attorney Leonard Freedman has eight witnesses, the Rev. Harold Harvey, 2600 block Ulman Ave.; Raymond Hemphill, 2500 block Woodbrook; Mrs. Dorethia Dennis, 2600 block Mountwood Rd.; Henry J. Clyborn, 2100 block Sinclair Lane; Johnny Hodges, 3000 block Tioga Pkwy.; Mrs. Pearl Gordon, 2700 block W. Lanvale St.; Mrs. Carrie G. Mitchell, 1600 block N. Monroe St. and Laurence Taylor, 2500 block Ernest Marshall, 52, 200 block N. Denison St. is on trial accused of the Sept. 5, 1973 murder of the well-known Lonnie Spruill, 56, 3400 block Fairview Ave. Seamon Ave.

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west area or what in is called "The Golden Ghetto," he reasons.

Mr. Cooper points to the 1971 mayorality election in which black citizens insisted they had to compromise between George L. Russell Jr. and State Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III. In that election he notes, Mayor Schaefer polled 95,315 votes while Russell totaled 58,528 and Mitchell received 6,554 votes.

STREET POLL

A recent AFRO street poll just this past weekend disclosed black citizens themselves realize they could have a better voting record and astounding results in more elected officials.

"We do not stick together in our own areas let alone with those in other sections. We could have a black mayor if we did," one man states. Another admitted many persons he knows fail to register to vote.

A West Baltimore woman agreed, "Most of us generally stay in our own areas and fail to stick together or with others."

A Northwest male voter accents, "We have no faith in the political system and due to lack of knowledge, just won't vote."

"Disgusted" with political scandals from Annapolis down through the entire system, black citizens feel they can not cope with "the crooks." They ask, "What's the use"

The seriousness of the situation was further magnified when Frank J. McQuade, chief clerk, Board of Supervisors of Elections told the AFRO that the number of registered voters is down nearly 75,000 this year due to the "five-year-pull."

"According to Maryland law, if a person isn't voted in the last five years, his name is taken off the active voter list," said McQuade.

REGISTER BY MAIL

Mrs. Edna Dunton, election information clerk, announced that new voter registration applications are available at public libraries, Model Cities offices, Community Action agencies and major department stores.

The qualifications for filling out these self addressed, stamped applications are: (1) You must be older, (3) You must live in must be 16 years of age or a U.S. Citizen, (2) You Baltimore.

Mrs. Dunton also stresses another important reason for registering to vote.

"If a person has registered to vote and has truthfully given all information indicated, he may obtain records of his age, social security number and residency from our office if he loses his identification."

LAST DAY AUG. 13

Aside from mail-in registration, one can still register at the Board of Elections, located below Peoples Court, Fayette and N. Gay Sts.

Last day to register before Primary Election is Aug. 13, 1974.

(P.S. This reporter, a new resident, transferred registration during the interview in a painless five minutes FLAT!

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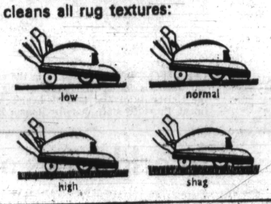

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