

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

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We are going far out on the proverbial limb this month to offer some projections for the 1980s The 1984 era of technology is already upon us, as you must realize as the impact upon all of our lives is already evident in last Christmas' Star Trek toys, satellite video broadcasts and computer bank withdrawals

But, before projecting too far into the future, we wish to recall the past by citing some of those visionary citizens who have made little recognized contributions to some of the coming changes Our candidates for the women and men of the 1970s who had national impact on the manner in which we live today . . . and tomorrow . . . include:

Tony Brown, television producer, commentator and columnist, who has urged all of us to become more aware of the hidden impact of media techniques upon our lives. The current explosion in media technology and the present propaganda battle between the "west" and the "middle east" may be a prevue of things to come, as Tony has been warning.

Berkeley Burrell, recently deceased National Business League president, who began focusing on the need for black leadership involvement in the American business sector long before the concept was popular or acceptable by some of today's black entrepreneurs.

Ernest J. Greene, assistant secretary of labor, whose sensitivity and training as a former member of the historic Little Rock Nine school integration case, is often demonstrated in the development of multi-billion dollar employment and job training programs for the increasing amount of unemployed and underemployed residents in our land.

Patricia Harris, Health, Education and Welfare secretary, whose determination to make the system work for all Americans is gradually being reflected in her policies at HEW and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which she headed before to become the first black and woman to serve in two cabinet posts . . .

M. Carl Holman, National Urban Coalition president, who began focusing on the problems of urban redevelopment even before transportation and energy problems forced suburbanites to begin moving back to the "inner cities" to take the proviliged downtown areas back from the striving black citizens again . . .

Alexis Herman, director, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor who has been selected as one of the Women of the Future because of her leadership of minority, female and black efforts in developing new skills and job opportunities in the labor market.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference president, who is restoring dynamic leadership to the organization founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to keep the civil rights struggle in the forefront of American life. The Reverend Lowery has endorsed a campaign to defeat all U.S. congressmen who failed to vote for the establishment of Dr. King's birthday, January 15, as a legal holiday.

J. Rupert Picott, behind the scenes executive director of the Association for the Study of Afro American Life and History, which is seeking to make all Americans continually aware of the contributions of black citizens throughout the year, as well as during Afro American History month in February

Barbara Williams, reserved, efficient executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus which has developed into one of the most influential political organizations on Capitol Hill and throughout the country as it prepared for the tumultuous 1980 presidential, election campaign and the Big Census and 1980 voter registration campaign certain to give black citizens their greatest political power in a crucial year

Donald McHenry, new U.S. representative to the United Nations, whose skill and background as assistant to UN Ambassador Andrew Young helped to develop the policy and programs for U.S.-Third World cooperation which will hopefully survive the Iranian crisis and future anti-American upheavals caused by our past foreign policy and programs....

And, now, the bad news Look for increasing inflation and recession until the \$180 billion windfall tax is redistributed to pump the lagging economy Federal insiders are resisting any talk of a possible government takeover of the faulting Chrysler auto industry because of the certain fear of nationalization despite semi-nationalization of the U.S.

train and airline industry . . . as most other nations in the West and East have found it necessary to do

Schools and colleges soon will begin to feel the economic pinch, even more, with threats of cutbacks in funding programs, which are certain to accelerate cries of needed support for predominantly black institutions and increasing talk of the Plessy versus Ferguson "Separate but Equal" mentality Watch for a revival of campsite programmes for training black, youth, unemployed, along with increasing emphasis upon military recruitment and armed service preparation as the "Vietnam Peace complex" is phased out

Coming soon, a battle over civil liberties caused by the mass new communications technology invading homes, clubs and secluded areas everywhere to bring the material world to your fingertips . . . Yes . . 1984 is here, now . . . well, ahead of schedule . . .

HEW has awarded \$3.1 million in grants to help schools become educational, recreational and cultural activity centers for people of all ages, officials announced.

The grants went to 71 recipients in 35 states. Recipients include 38 local education agencies, 27 state education agencies and six institutions of higher education.

The one-year grants are authorized under the Special Projects Act of the Education Amendments of 1974. Most of them will be used to develop and to improve community education programs at the state and local levels. The others will be used to train personnel to operate the programs.

The Office of Human Development Services has awarded \$2.06 million in grants to set up 11 training centers designed to improve the skills of child welfare workers and students who plan to enter the field.

The centers, to be located in university schools of social work, will operate over the next five years to help university and other schools of social work throughout the nation to develop educational programs focusing on child welfare services.

The centers will also assist public social service agencies to strengthen in-service training programs for staff already working in areas such as foster care, adoption and other child and family services.

The Rev. Leon Sullivan's Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OIC) Inc., of Philadelphia has received \$3,900,325 to continue training and technical assistance for employment and training projects operated by its more than 130 affiliates, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall

The goals of OIC technical assistance under the contract include:

- Sustaining local program operations;
- Improvement of the management of OIC affiliates;
- Development of new OICs;
- Provide direction and fiscal management to the OIC technical assistance effort;
- Sustain and develop linkages with other community based organizations, public interest groups, industry and other business supporters, the clergy, labor organizations and academia;

Local affiliates apply to those state and local governments acting as prime sponsors of CETA programs for operational funds under Title II and VI of CETA. These funds are used to conduct classroom and on-the-job training, work experience, and similar programs to improve the employability of low-income persons.

During Fiscal Year 1979, OIC's local affiliates received over \$70 million from state and local prime sponsors under CETA.

For further information about the contract, contact either Kenneth Duffan, OIC, 100 West Coulter Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144, telephone 215-849-3010, or James Clark, ETA Office of National Programs, telephone: 202-376-7615.

A pilot program to expand opportunities for women to enter apprenticeable and other nontraditional occupations was the focus of meeting here that brought together representatives of CETA prime sponsors and YWCAs from across the country.