

National Roundup

The U.S. Labor Department freeze on hiring of new employees under the Concentrated Employment Training Program (CETA) has been lifted temporarily, so the government can hire 200,000 more workers during the summer months.

September 30, but the outcry by community action groups, civil, rights leaders and the Congressional Black Caucus, paid off, along with the implied threat of a revival of the "Long Hot Summers" of the 1960s as Rev. Jesse Jackson and "friends" announced plans for a series of marches and demonstrations, beginning on the anniversary of the Supreme Court school desegregation decision.

The "word" is that administration officials will not forget Reverend Jackson's actions but no backlash reductions are planned — until after the fall elections. Meanwhile, a positive report on PUSH accomplishments in motivating and registering youth for employment was prematurely released without all of the facts in an effort to embarrass the organization as Jackson was beginning his latest PUSH jobs and economic rights...

CAPITAL INSIDERS are beginning to wonder about the latest activist, Ben Chavis and Bobby Seale, establishing headquarters in the District. The pair is capturing an entire new group of young followers in a new thrust emphasizing education and economics.

Look for plenty of action from these two before the summer is over,

A coalition of black, Hispanic religious, civil rights and labor organizations are finally joining together to "take to the streets" to focus attention on the problems. A series of marches and protests were scheduled in Miami, Boston and New York. Activity is also scheduled to start in New Otleans, the Florida Keys and Texas . . . The irony is that the Haitian refugees have suffered from discrimination and economic deprivation—near starvation—as a result of the U.S. support of the right wing government in Haiti although our government claims the refugees are not victims of political oppression . . .

SPEAKING at a recent Capital Press Club luncheon, new AFL - CIO leader Lane Kirkland, denounced congressional representatives and senators for "running with the tide" in cutting education, employment and welf are programs from the administration budget, but he refused to take off the kid gloves in saying the union would call for the defeat of these former supporters "who have turned their backs on us . . ."

Kirkland indicated that he still had some hope of influencing the turncoat legislators from running with the tide and the appeared to blame
President Carter and the administration for not fighting hard enough for
their programs in the original budget . . . Yet, the AFL - CIO leader would
not endorse Sen. Ted Kennedy's programs, although he appeared to be
standing in the wings . . .

Meanwhile, Kirkland left the CPC breakfast to go speak to the

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while the former militants join the establishment in an effort to move into the middle class or income areas. Mayor Marion Barry, a former street fighter, is now being pressed by pickets and demonstrators — but the big switch is the mayor and his staff are predominantly black, while the new "agitators" are predominantly white . . .

LABOR department officials also report that illegal underpayments of \$65 million to 334,000 workers have been uncovered under federal wage and hour laws during the first six months of the year. Thus far, the chisling employers have agreed to pay back \$42 million to some 250,000 workers. "Vigorous enforcement will continue to be a high priority of the Wage and Hour Division until all workers receive the wages to which they are entitled by law," according to Donald Elisburg, assistant secretary... Most underpayments result from violation of the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, so watch your pay check...

Six minority men and women have been honored for their volunteer support in helping Jobs Corps members make a successful transition from a residential training environment to the world of work in their home communities. Ms. Margaret Johnson - Davis, a 32 - year - old clerk with Western Union in Kansas City, Mo. was chosen National Volunteer of the Year. Regional volunteers include Delacie M. Sessoms, Boston; Doris B. Hicks, Washington, D.C.; Delores Brown Orey, Jackson, Miss.; Michelle Cunningham Burns, Cincinnati and Dr. Norman T. Miller, Austin, Texas.

They are among the more than 7,000 JACS volunteers across the country who provide returning corpsmembers with hometown, person - to - person assistance. In addition to meeting the returning corpsmembers, they provide guidance and referral to available resource agencies for needed direct services . . .

getting worse, with racism becoming arrogant and rampant. Not only does the American refugee agencies ignore African and Caribbean victims of poverty and oppression, while actively recruiting Asian and Cuban "boat" people, but the Immigration and Naturalization Service openly discriminates against immigrants from Haiti and other predominantly black nations.

American Jewish Congress at the Hyatt - Regency Hotel, where he called for an import on oil and the rationing of gasoline, the strongest measures proposed so far to curb inflation . . . The Kirkland program, however, has been urged by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) of the Congressional Black Caucus, but the union is just beginning to pay attention . . .

We wonder why the labor leader is so forthright in addressing the AJC and talks mamby pamby before the minority - dominated Capital Press Club... We recall Vernon Jordan did the same last fall when he voiced support for administration programs. CPC's Annual Dinner and men criticized black leaders for supporting the Palestinians when he spoke before the Jewish leaders... Watch the double talk....

Create Privacy in One Bedroom Apartment

Although it definitely has its advantages, living with a roommate is not all smiles and cheerful chatter. If privacy is important to you, sharing a bedroom can, at times, be a definite strain on the old nerves.

ment is situated with a dining area adjacent to the living room (as in the diagram), you can make a bedroom out of the dining alcove by walling it off. To avoid damage to the apartment, make free-standing walls that can be dismantled when you move. This is done by nailing plasterboard panels on either side of wood 2 x 4's. The walls should be wedged securely between the floor and the ceiling

If you still miss having a dining area, a cozy section of the living room can be used for dining. Otherwise, it will have to be buffet style when entertaining guests. No doubt, though, that the privacy you and your roommate will attain is worth a little inconvenience.

