

1 below \$3,000, males in unskilled jobs, sub-standard  
2 housing, low educational attainment and inadequate health  
3 facilities.

4 Three out of Ten Negro families live in sub-  
5 standard housing. A half million Negro families live in  
6 rural areas of the country, including the counties of  
7 Maryland, where education and housing and health standards  
8 are far below the minimum standards of decency.

9 In 1966, 43 percent of the Negro draftees were  
10 rejected by reason of failure to pass the health and  
11 educational qualifications test.

12 While the rate of rejection among white draft-  
13 ees was 8 percent, and although Negro citizens comprise 11  
14 percent of the national population, they are 90 percent  
15 of the U. S. Armed Forces in Viet Nam now, and it is  
16 interesting to note that in the first half of 1967, the  
17 first six months of 1967, it had risen to 11 percent, and  
18 15 percent of those who have died in the Viet Nam combat  
19 are Negroes.

20 These young men have never failed their country  
21 and in our history the Negro soldier has never failed his