

MOST WELFARE FAMILIES IN CITIES

Washington (NBNS) --- Most of the nation's welfare families now live in big cities, according to the third annual report to the Congress by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Noting welfare families are getting smaller, younger and generally better educated, the report notes that increasingly more of them are going to the big cities where there are fewer jobs and even fewer job opportunities.

The median age of welfare mothers has dropped sharply from 35 to 31 in the last 10 years, the report says. At the same time, a greater percentage of the welfare mothers are now high school graduates, and more of them are needed in their homes to care for their children.

The cities, while seemingly offering a haven to typical welfare mother in essence provide fewer suitable jobs. Unfortunately, the number of welfare mothers with marketable job skills is extremely low as well.

In 1971, there were more mothers on the welfare rolls than in 1969, while the number of children in the family has grown smaller. The percentage of children under the age of 6 has also increased slightly.

"It is clear that many

AFDC (aid to families with dependent children) families still face formidable barriers to self-sufficiency," the report said.

In the last reported year, 1971, it was reported, that 48 per cent of the welfare recipients were white, 43 percent were black, 8 per cent were from other races and one per cent was unknown.

More than 75 per cent of the welfare families are now living in big cities, the report says.

Maintaining recent history, 80 per cent of all AFDC families are headed by a single parent, who is usually the mother. Some 28 per cent of fathers of children receiving funds under the aid to families with dependent children program were not married to the mother.

The report also pointed out the trend of mothers raising illegitimate children.

"There are indications, moreover, that rearing an illegitimate child is less of a stigma than it once was. Girls with children born out of wedlock, especially white girls, are more inclined than before to keep the child than to place it for adoption."

That same trend has been apparent among black women for some decades now.



Black Historical Calendar From Schlitz -- Now in circulation is the 1973 version of the special Schlitz calendar featuring famous black Americans. Displaying the calendar are Ernice Austin (left) of the Schlitz sales promotion department, and Janice Brown of Schlitz purchasing.

SALES NOT FOR SICKLE CELL

The Seattle Metropolitan Sickle Cell Program is not soliciting funds through candy sales. Tyna Hooks educational consultant for the program, and a member of the citizen's advisory Task Force, today warned the public against buying candy from teams of young boys and girls who are reported to be using the name of the Sickle Cell program.

"We do not have any solicitors out selling candy to raise funds for our organization," Ms. Hooks said. "This rip-off, being perpetuated on a community of sincere, concerned citizens, is a disservice to the program and to individuals who might otherwise benefit from legitimately collected donations."

Nixon Rights Nixon doesn't consult with Blacks, Farmer says

Washington (NBNS) -- Civil rights leader James Farmer, who served for two years as Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Nixon, says that the President doesn't consult blacks and he pointed a rather frustrating term under the chief executive.

Farmer, former director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said the man who the President consults on black affairs in the White House is a white man, Leonard Garment. He said the President has no contacts with the black community or its leaders.

He also said that he had had serious disagreements with the administration which made it increasingly difficult to remain working for President Nixon.

Although he steadfastly refused to criticize the President when he left the Administration two years ago, Farmer was far more candid on the television program, "Black on White," moderated by Clifford Alexander, former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

under President Johnson.

Alexander asked him whom the President was consulting on black affairs in the black community.

"Oh, I am not aware of anyone that he is consulting," Farmer replied rather tersely.

"I don't think we have any brokers in the situation seems that my good friend Lou Garment is the broker in this situation."

"Now, he's a fine person, no, I'm not mocking him at all, but I think there ought to be some blacks, too, with whom the President consults."

"And while Len Garment is a very sympathetic and emphatic person, he can not speak for blacks because he is not (black)."

Farmer also discounted reports that the President had consulted him on black affairs while he was at HEW.

"He might have consulted me, but he didn't," Farmer said. "He didn't consult me, and I wasn't concerned about his not having consulted me. I was concerned about the nature of (his) appointments, the nominations."

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