

NEGRO'S

THE ANNUAL MANPOWER REPORT prepared by the Secretary of Labor has been presented to the President, who has sent it on to Congress with his comments. Significant among highlights is the detailed consideration of the current economic situation of the Negro in the United States, with particular attention to factors contributing to his relative employment-unemployment plight.

The following comments and excerpts are indicative of the scope and nature of the survey:

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT--"The median educational attainment of nonwhite workers ('nonwhite' used interchangeably with 'Negro') has advanced from 7.6 to 9.6 years of schooling and the number of high school graduates has almost doubled--a startling development and indication of the small number of graduates at the beginning of the period (past decade)."

NEGRO POPULATION--"In 1962 there were an estimated 20 million Negroes in the U. S. Their proportion in the population has been growing since 1930 as a result of their higher birth rate and the striking reduction in their death rate. In 1963 the median age for nonwhites was 22, more than 7 years below that of whites. Fourteen percent of the population under 20 were nonwhites."

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION--There were 8.1 million nonwhite workers in 1963, representing 63 percent of the nonwhite civilian population, 14 years and over, a participation rate 55 percent above that of whites.

OCCUPATIONS--Occupational advances of nonwhites continue in the postwar period but at a slower rate. Percentagewise, as compared to whites, advances in some

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occupations have been exceptional. But in most instances advances into better occupations have been at the lower levels and the "disadvantage of the Negro in the occupational picture is still striking."

UNDERUTILIZATION--The underutilization of nonwhite workers is indicated by data on the occupations of men with relatively high levels of education. Whereas 80 percent of the white men with 4 or more years of college were in professional, technical, or managerial jobs in 1962, only 70 percent of the nonwhite men had positions in these categories. With 1 to 3 years college, the proportion of nonwhites in such jobs was less than half of whites.

UNEMPLOYMENT--Postwar periods of economic growth have seen a relatively

smaller reduction in unemployment among nonwhites than among whites, and an even smaller relative reduction among the younger nonwhite workers who have educational attainment, than it has for older nonwhites. Negroes continue to experience a rate of unemployment more than twice as high as that of whites.

EARNINGS:

NONWHITE MEN--The median wage and salary income in 1962 of nonwhite men 14 years and older was \$3,023, almost two and a half times the 1947 median earnings of \$1,279. Differences in earnings between white and nonwhite men continue more pronounced in the South.

NONWHITE WOMEN--The median wage (See REPORT, page 16)

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