

# BLACK POWER

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## V.A. NEWS

The Veterans Administration is a big telephone user as it strives to make the availability of its services as close to the veteran as his telephone, say officials of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Veterans benefits counselors at the Los Angeles Regional Office handle more than 82,000 calls each month. The 58 regional offices nationwide handle more than 1.2 million calls monthly.

Telephone calls through the end of October 1973 were nearly 16 percent higher than for the preceding 12 months at the Los Angeles Office. All indications point to a continued increase as the VA responds to a veteran population of more than 29 million men and women.

Veterans in 171 cities have access to toll-free direct lines to 35 regional offices simply by dialing a local number. In 24 states, the direct lines are augmented by toll-free service through use of the 800 area code. Four other states offer the latter service exclusively.

The toll-free VA numbers are listed in local telephone directories under U. S. Government or newly installed numbers can be obtained from directory assistance.

Since November, toll-free telephone service in Alaska has connected 64 communities with regional offices in Anchorage and Juneau.

Toward its goal of providing free telephone service for all veterans, the VA plans to expand its direct-line service to 68 cities in fiscal year 1975. Four more states are expected to gain service via the toll-free area code number.

Job assistance continues to be the most popular subject in telephone interviews. The VA attempts to place veterans in positions available from its own job bank or offer referral service to local employment offices.

In the first four months of FY 1974, a total of 10,380 veterans were placed in new jobs through VA help. This was 7.6 percent more jobs than were gained during a similar period in the previous year. More than 100,000 veterans have received job assistance from the VA since 1968.

A 14 percent increase in FY 1973 pushed G. I. Bill school enrollments past 2.1 million to the highest level in 22 years. More college students have already received educational benefits under the current G. I. Bill than were trained during the entire World War II G. I. Bill.

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Banking and Currency Committee has been in trying, as part of its housing programs, to integrate and improve mass transit as an essential part of overall urban redevelopment.

Also uncertain is whether Public Works will continue to have a black member. Mrs. Burke is now the sole black on the committee and she will have to choose between that assignment and her position on the new Energy and Environment Committee. In its plan to reorganize and even abolish some House committees, the Select Committee has proposed that a member be allowed to serve on only one major committee.

This would not apply to Rep. Diggs, who could keep his chairmanship of the District of Columbia Committee, but it could result in considerable reshuffling of the committee assignments of other black members.

The few black chairmanships, however, are in no apparent danger since none of them are in the four committees slated to be abolished: Post Office and Civil Service, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Internal Security, and the Select Committee on Small Business.

Black members of these committees -- Ralph H. Metcalfe (D-Ill.) on Merchant Marine, Nix and William Clay (D-Mo.) on Post Office, and Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.) on Small Business -- all have better assignments on other committees.

Rep. Nix gave up his subcommittee chairmanship in Post Office earlier for the Foreign Affairs committee post when the postal service was made an independent public corporation. Congressional overview of the Postal Corporation will now go to the House Government Operations Committee which will take on more meaning for blacks.

In addition to overview of the U.S. Postal Service, which employs a large number of blacks, Government Operations will take jurisdiction of Hatch Act protection of federal employees against political influence and discrimination. It also will take charge of the massive general revenue sharing program from Ways and Means and thus will oversee many local spending programs that affect or neglect blacks.

Other proposed changes in the structure of the House of Representatives, which may be effective by 1975, could have mixed results as far as Black Americans are concerned.

Switching the school milk program from the Agriculture Committee to a new Education Committee could put it in the hands of House members attuned to the needs of poor school pupils, while diminishing the influence of members responsive to the dairymen who originally conceived and pushed the program.

Transfer of the anti-poverty legal services program from the present Education and Labor Committee, which developed the war-on-poverty (See Impact, page 12)

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