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of establishing a "democratic" state, but here again we must distinguish between a word's ac-tual meaning and Mr. Arafat's definition. The PLO is certainly no model of democracy: no one elected Arafat to represent the Palestinians' its authority is guaranteed by the "freedom fight-er's gun" to which Mr. Arafat referred at the U.N

What, then, of the PLO's charge that Israel is a "racist" nation. This accusation has been repeated so often - Arafat made numerous re-ferences to Israel "racism" and "colonialism" in his U.N. address - that it has achieved a measure of acceptance worldwide, and in the A-

mericanblack community. The question is what do the Arabs mean by "racism?" The standard definition is the systematic oppression of an ethnic or racial minority, very often justified on the grounds that the minority is inherently less intelligent, less clean less pure or in some way inferior to the majority.

Applying this measurement, it is apparent that some of the most blatanly "racist" regimes are in Arab lands. In Iraq, Jews were hanged in a public square, while today napalm is employed against the dissident Kurdish minority. Syria rivals Nazi Germany in its brutal treatment of its Jewish citizens, who are confined to a cram-ped quarters of Damascus, prevented form emigrating, and from time to time murdered with official sanction. And in the Sudan, it was non-Moslem blacks who were the target of a genocidal war in which 500,000 were killed and many thousands more forced to flee their homes.

I would not pretend that the racial situation in Israel, where some 400,000 Arabs live as citizens, is perfect. But given enormous problens confronting her, this small nation has achieved a level of racial tolerance that is indeed remarkable. The Arabs within Israel enjoy rights and a standard of living unknown to the masses in Moslem nations. They participate politically; elect their own representatives to parliament; receive public education; belong to Histadrut, the Israeli labor federation. They are in other words, a part of the progressive insti-tutions of Israeli society.

I believe that the Palestinian people have the right to a homeland, to self-determination, to the resolution of their state of uncertainty. The Jewish people, historically an oppressed people, have the same right. And given the rhetoric and actions of the PLO, there can be little doubt that to accede to the demand of a bi-national state would result in the Jews of Israel being dealt with much like the Jews in Iraq and Syria.

In her brief history, Israel has forged an en-viable record of social achievement. At a time when so many appear willing to accept lies as the truth, to reach dishonest concillication with terrorists, to barter away the most basic ideals of justice and compassion, Israel more than ever deserves the support of people of good will and common decency.

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owned banks have been

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bringing the total of

minority owned banks in

the United States to 68,

according to Alex Arm-

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When the office of Minority Business En-

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Armendaris said the

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cash assistance welfare program--aid to families with dependent children (AFDC)---had Marine Pvt. Eric V. Smith, of 2627 Donna, 28,000 fewer recipients in September this year than in September 1973. Las Vegas, Nev., Graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps. Recruit Depot, Preliminary figures released today by HEW Secretary Casper W. Weinberger set the September AFDC total at 10,796,000 compared ot 10,824,000 in September 1973.

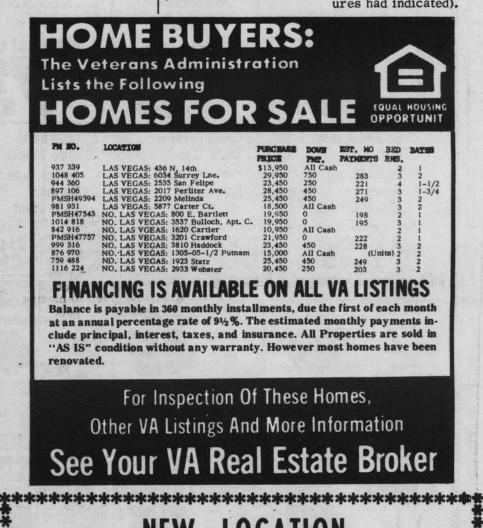
Secretary Weinberger said that Federal/ State money payments of \$675.1 million were made to AFDC recipients in September 1974, \$65.0 million more than

The Nation's largest in September 1973.

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James S. Dwight, Jr., Administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service, noted that the preliminary September figures were 32, 000 higher than those for August. He said that a further breakdown of the September 1974 figures would be released, with tables, when available. Mr. Dwight also said

that complete AFDC figures for August 1974, are now available; these show that the August total was 92,000 less than the 10,856,000 persons on the rolls in August 1973 (not 80,000 less as earlier preliminary figures had indicated).



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