

President Grants Haitian 'Asylees' Fairer Chance

By National Black News Service

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — President Carter has declared that Haitians seeking refugee status in the U.S. are equally entitled to the considerations which the Cuban "boat people"

have been receiving. Until last Thursday the President had the power to grant asylum to the Haitian refugees, but refused to do so. President Carter said the manner in which the Haitians and Cubans are

arriving to the shores of the U.S. had never been contemplated by policymakers and that he and the Congress would have to resolve the matter.

There was concern earlier that the Health and Human services Department (formerly HEW) had decided to grant temporary living expenses to incoming Cuban refugees, when Haitians had never been offered such consideration.

In a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the refugee policy, called last week by its chairman, Sen. Edward Kennedy, President Carter's refugee coordinator, Victor Palmieri, warned Congress against "giving others the invitation to rush to our shores."

He noted that the United States this year will take in 232,000 "refugees" of various nationalities, in addition to the unusual Haitian immigrants, and will spend \$1.7 billion on their resettlement and related problems.

D.C. Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D) in testimony before the committee,

charged the administration with "dishonesty combined with incompetence" in its approach to the matter of Haitian refugees.

The administration claims that the situations from which escape is sought by Haitians are economic and not political and thus they can not be granted refugee status.

However, Haitians claim they are ruthlessly oppressed on their island by a fascist dictatorship which Jean Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier took over from his father "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with a per capita income of about \$90.

The 12,000 to 17,000 Haitians now languishing in this nation's slums without jobs or in detention centers of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, without Congressional intervention, will remain under the threat of deportation. It is reported that Haitians already deported have been subjected to prison, torture and execution.

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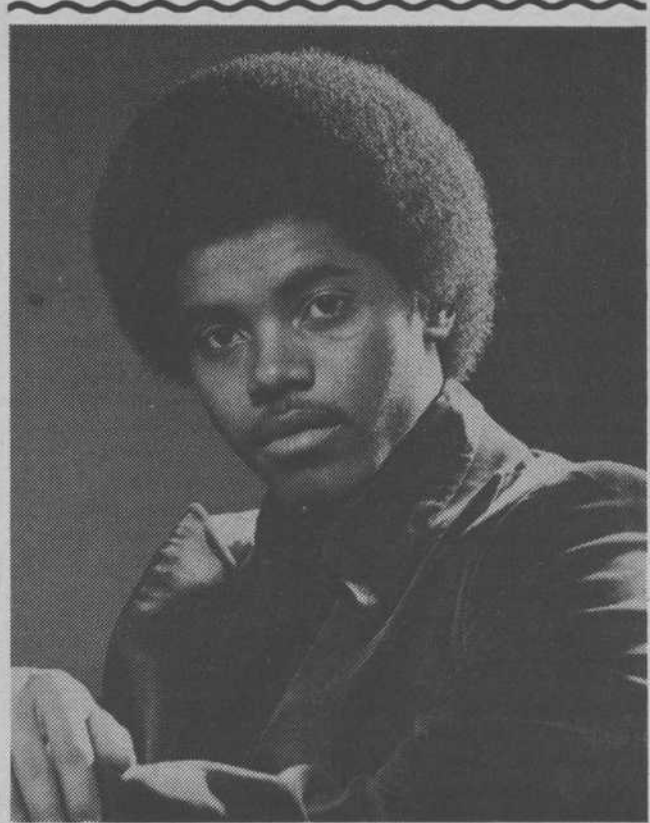
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