



Aptitude Test Study Cites No Coaching For Poor 'Scores'

By National Black News Service

BOSTON, MASS. — (NEWS) — Scores in the Scholastic Aptitude Test can be "substantially" improved by coaching, according to a study released last week and published in the current issue of The Harvard Educational Review.

the SAT scores high school students receive are weighed heavily by many colleges and universities to weed out applicants.

This study's results, compiled by two Harvard Medical School professors, gives further backing to the belief held

many educators that the real thing learned from such tests is a person's cultural situation and not aptitude potentials.

The report concluded that the tests discriminated against students who could not afford special preparation and that they were the least accurate predictors of college performance, compared with high school grades and scores on achievements tests.

Coaching increased average aptitude test scores by more than the average difference in scores between students who were accepted by colleges and those who

were rejected, the study reported.

The results of the study, conducted by Warner Slack and Douglas Porter, challenge the repeated denials by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J. the originator of the aptitude test, that tutoring affects test results.

"It is not really an aptitude test," Slack maintains. "It measures past accomplishments and emphasizes little-used vocabulary and tricky math. But if one puts his mind to it, he can learn how to perform much better on the test."

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Black Trade Unionists Plan Political Strategy

More than 1500 black trade unionists from across the country will meet at New York's Sheraton Centre on May 30, May 31 and June 1 to discuss strategy for the presidential and congressional elections in November.

Sponsored by the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the conference will feature sessions on the conservative drift of American politics, problems confronting black workers, and renewed efforts to mobilize black political power.

Norman Hill, president of the Randolph Institute, said that the weekend conference will serve as a forum for black people to discuss the real issues of 1980 — the economic issues."

"So far," Hill declared,

"the presidential campaigns of the various contenders in both parties have largely ignored the issues that concern black workers. This conference will demonstrate to all political leaders that black people know the score."

Conference speakers include civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, Representative Shirley Chisholm, Director Alan Kistler of the AFL-CIO's Department of Organization, Director Al Barkan of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education, and Kenneth Young, executive assistant to the AFL-CIO president.

On the evening of Saturday, May 31, the Randolph Institute will present its annual A. Philip Freedom Award to civil rights activist E.D. Nixon and to the late Jesse Owens.

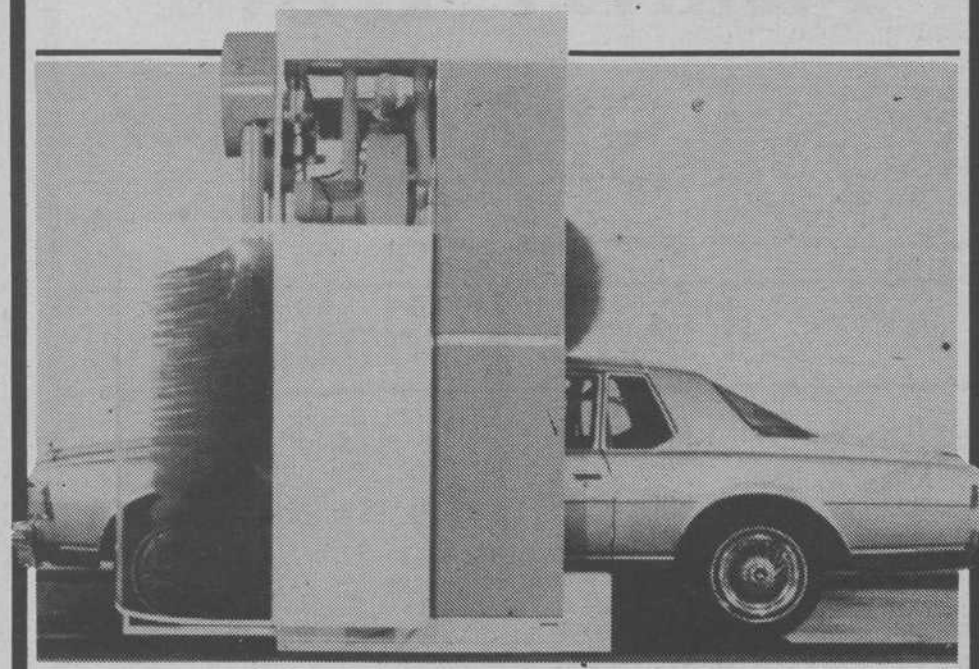
Supreme Court Rejects School Desegregation

WASHINGTON — (NBNS) — The Supreme Court, by a vote of 5-3, last week refused to overturn a lower court ruling which rejected a case seeking city-suburban school desegregation in the Atlantic City area.

Two lower courts had ruled that schools in the suburban districts were already desegregated, as were the schools within the city's limits, and thus there could be no attempt to desegregate them as a group.

The case was brought by a group of Black parents of children attending Atlantic City's schools because they believed the city and suburban school districts have been operated for decades to ensure that Blacks remain within the city schools.

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