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National Coalition of Title I/Chapter I Parents

As a result of the technical amendments to Chapter I last December, Congress has authorized the National Institute of Education to conduct a comprehensive study of Chapter I. This will be the first comprehensive study of the program since it was changed by the Reagan Administration in 1981. The results of the study may have a significant impact on the Chapter I program and is due for completion in January 1987, prior to its reauthorization.

Entitled "A National Assessment of the E.C.I.A. Chapter I," this \$6.5 million study will be conducted by American Institute of Research of Palo Alto, California. It will be divided into three reports. The first two, which will rely on existing data, will examine the nature and extent of students' need for compensatory-education services and will analyze exemplary Chapter I programs and seek to detail the characteristics of Chapter I effectiveness. The final report, will be titled, "The Current Operation of the Program and the Prospects for Improvement."

Lloyd Hargrave, president of the National Coalition of Title I/Chapter I Parents, says, "There are doubts about the ability to conduct such a thorough study. Several members of the education community feel that the changes which have occurred under Chapter I may have resulted in fewer record keeping requirements. As a result, all the information needed may not be available. We will continue to keep you informed on the progress of the study."

Hargrave also asks, "If you have had positive or negative experiences under Chapter I or have documented changes in the program since its change from Title I, please send it to us at the National Parent Center. This information is needed if we are to make a case for stronger parent involvement requirements."

National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc.

William Merritt, president of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) reports that "NABSW is opposed to Black children being placed (either for foster care and/or adoption) in non-Black homes."

"Our position is being challenged by a number of groups across the nation as many White families are seeking to adopt Black children in the absence of available normal healthy White children."



PUSH HONORS RAWLS—Entertainer Lou Rawls was honored recently by Operation PUSH for his commitment to Black higher education through his work with the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon, which is sponsored each year by Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. The Parade of Stars benefits the United Negro College Fund and its 43-member historically Black colleges and universities. The program, which receives promotional support through Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser brand, has raised more than \$25 million for the UNCF over its five-year history. "We are very delighted that the Parade of Stars continues to receive recognition of its importance to Black higher education and the future of our country. We congratulate Lou on his work and his award," commented Wayman F. Smith III, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. The award from Operation PUSH was presented by the Rev. Jesse Jackson at PUSH headquarters in Chicago.

"NABSW submitted testimony at the hearings held by the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources on the issue of transracial placements. We shall continue our efforts to impact upon legislation and policies. However, it is equally important that the numbers of Black foster families and adoptive families be increased. A first step in increasing these homes is to communicate the need for such."

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

"The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) estimates that 14 minority charities could lose more than \$2 million—including such organizations as the United Black Fund of America, National Black United Fund, Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the

NAACP Legal Defense Fund—because of rules now being proposed by the Reagan Administration to radically restructure the Combined Federal Campaign, the federal government's payroll deduction charity drive," said Robert L. Gordon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

"This is the third time in three years that the Administration has tried to punish activist minority charities, even though previous efforts to hurt such charities were ruled unconstitutional by a federal court," stated Grand Polemarch Gordon.

The Administration is now proposing new rules which would no longer permit employees to receive brochures describing eligible charities that they may contribute to, thus denying them the opportunity to identify from a list of charities those that they may wish to give to.

It is anticipated that the new proposed rules would result in Black charities losing \$2 million in donations and would benefit only established White charities such as United Way.

"Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity has called upon the Reagan Administration to cease and desist from interfering with the current rules of the Combined Federal Campaign which allows employees to make an intelligent decision in deciding to whom they wish to make charitable donations," said Grand Polemarch Gordon.

"The Grand Board of Directors of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has sent copies of this resolution to President Reagan, the Congressional Black Caucus and to all other appropriate persons," Grand Polemarch Gordon concluded.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Reports On Its Scholarship Program

This professional organization of Black female educators gives thousands of dollars in scholarship aid annually to worthy students. The sorority's national scholarship was established to give assistance to young women interested in teaching or related fields. A \$3,000 scholarship is awarded in each of the five regions: Eastern, Midwestern, Southeastern, Far Western and Southwestern. Students receiving these awards must maintain a "B" average or better to receive annual installment payments of \$750.

Chapters are responsible for the recruitment of scholarship candidates and the initial screening of applications. Finalists are selected by the National Scholarship Committee. Students are selected on the basis of their financial need, intended major and their academic performance in high school.

During the 1984-85 school year, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. supported 12 young ladies furthering their education in the following universities and colleges: University of Michigan, Spelman College, Eastern Michigan University, Allegheny, Northeastern University, Bowling Green State, University of Texas at Austin, University of Pittsburgh, Otterbein College, UCLA, University of Alabama and Occidental. An additional five students were selected in April 1985 to receive \$3,000 beginning in the fall of 1985.

Additional scholarships are awarded by each of the five regions and chapters of the sorority. During the 1984-85

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