

Talbot named Ambassador

The Honorable Frederick Hilborn Talbot has been named Ambassador from the Republic of Guyana to the United States of America. Mr. Talbot had been serving as the country's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Born in Guyana in 1927, he is an elected Bishop of the A.M.E. Church and was consecrated in July of 1972. Following his consecration he was assigned to the 16th Episcopal District. The District included Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, Grenada, Trinidad, Tobago, Surinam and the Republic of Guyana.

The Republic of Guyana is located on the north-east shoulder of the South American continent. It is 83,000 square miles in area. The Atlantic sea-coast stretches for 270 miles; from it the land extends into the interior for about 450 miles. Its boundaries meet those of Venezuela in the west, Brazil in the south and Surinam in the east. The multi-racial population numbers a little more than 800,000. Mr. Talbot had his original education in Guyana (formerly British Guiana) and subsequent to that he studied at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina and received his B.A. degree from that institution. He then attended Yale University School of Divinity and the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley California. He holds the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Divinity from Monrovia College in Liberia and



His Excellency Frederick H. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot take up new post in Washington, D. C. Ambassador Talbot is the new Ambassador of Guyana to the United States, and formerly served as the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations. Mr. Talbot was elected Bishop of the A.M.E. Church in Dallas last year. Mrs. Talbot is a former Minister of Health for Guyana.

Wilberforce University in the United States of America.

He served as minister at the St. James Church of Colusa, California and traveled the Little Mountains Circuit in South Carolina as a visiting minister. He is married to the former Sylvia Ross, a native of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. She is

a practicing public health specialist. A graduate of the Polytechnic Institute in Puerto Rico, she also holds a Masters Degree in Public Health from Yale University. Mrs. Talbot served as Minister of Health for the Republic of Guyana from 1969 to 1971.

The Talbots will be residing at Guyana House in Bethesda, Maryland.

Budget threatens social programs

Debate has begun on the fiscal year 1974 federal budget, which calls for major shifts in federal programs and policies.

The president's \$268.7 billion budget proposes cutbacks in a number of domestic programs begun during the 1960's. The total budget is slightly higher than the current budget because of recommended increases in military spending, social security payments, Medicare and Medicaid payments and increased interest payments on the national debt.

The administration's primary purpose in this budget is to avoid a tax increase while controlling inflation by reducing government spending. The budget also supports the president's goal of shifting responsibility for domestic programs to state and local governments and for restructuring the federal agencies.

In a number of cases where the budget requests no funds for a categorical grant program, the administration suggests that revenue sharing funds be used by state and local governments to support such a program. The crucial question is whether programs benefiting the Black community will gain or lose funds as a result of shifts away from categorical grant programs.

Following is a run down of the major proposed budget changes in programs of most concern to Blacks.

Office of Economic Opportunity - By providing no funds in the budget, the administration is moving to dismantle the Office of Economic Opportunity. Some programs such as the Community Action Program, will be eliminated entirely as a national effort; other programs will be moved to other federal agencies. These include: 1) The health and nutrition program, which is being moved to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, with a budget cut of \$18.2 million; 2) community economic development programs, moved to the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, with a net decrease of \$28.7 million for the combined programs; 3) migrant farmworkers program transferred to the Labor Department and raised by \$3.7 million; 4) research, split among HEW, Labor and HUD, with a total budget increase of \$11.3 million.

Both the Democrats and the administration have put forth plans to continue the Legal Services Program as a separate corporation but a fight is expected over the size and scope of the program. The Legal Services budget request is down from \$78.3 million to \$71.5 million.

Some local projects are reportedly already closing or preparing to do so.

Housing and Urban Development - In January then-HUD Secretary George Romney announced a freeze on all new commitments for building low-income housing under public housing programs; for rent supplements, and for the Farmer's Home Loan Program. Funds for the categorical community development programs - open

space, water and sewer, public facility loans and rehabilitation loans - will be frozen as of June 30, 1973. No additional funds are proposed for the Model Cities program.

Health - Several major health programs are expiring this year and the administration is not recommending their continuance. These include funds to build hospitals, the Community Mental Health Center program; the Regional Medical programs and training programs for many health professionals.

Education - Funds requested for programs in the Office of Education total \$277 million less than the revised figures for fiscal year 1973. The budget would shift the way funds are used, by proposing increase in funds for the Basic Opportunity Grants, which give aid directly to individuals. A number of categorical programs would have their funds cut or would be eliminated entirely under this budget. These include aid to disadvantaged children under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; library services program of the ESEA; higher education aid; education development; health and nutrition, drug abuse education; Follow Through and dropout prevention.

Welfare - The administration has not repeated its efforts to make major changes in the welfare system, instead, there will be an emphasis on management reforms. The

ceiling of \$2.5 billion for social services under the Social Security Act would be lowered to \$2 billion under this budget.

Manpower - The budget calls for a decrease of \$375.3 million compared to what had been anticipated for fiscal year 1973. The largest cut results from the elimination of the Emergency Employment Act, which was funded at \$2.5 billion last year to provide public service jobs for the unemployed. There is also no request for funds for summer youth programs.

The debate over the budget, particularly this year, is a debate over the direction of social and economic policies which will affect American society for years to come.

Pat quits

(NBNS) The President's wife, Pat, quietly resigned the position of honorary chairman of the Day Care and Child Development Council of America, one year after her husband vetoed a child care bill that the council supported.

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Blacks train in insurance

The first program in the United States specifically designed to train Black men and women for technical positions in the insurance industry is being started in San Francisco.

Ten high school graduates are being selected for the one year training program which will be conducted by

the Bay Area Association of Black Insurance Brokers and Agents, Inc. Upon completion of the program, students will qualify as casualty underwriter, property and package policy underwriter, loss control representative, premium auditor and claims representative.

Roosevelt Carrie, president of the Association, said today that this experimental program is the first one ever to train Black people for jobs in the insurance industry beyond mail or file clerk. He added that if this try is successful, similar programs will be conducted throughout the country.

"During training, the students will receive a year's salary," Carrie said. "Several major insurance companies have already assured us that they will have jobs for our graduates when they finish the program."

The training will also help train the students to reach management positions in their chosen fields, Carrie explained. The program has the support of the Bay Area Urban League, The National Alliance of Businessmen and major property and casualty insurance companies throughout the United States.

The Bay Area Association of Black Insurance Brokers and Agents is the only organization in this country

formed to represent and assist Blacks in the insurance industry.

The Association is currently studying discriminatory hiring practices of major national insurance firms. It is also examining discriminatory agency appointment criteria which make it difficult for a Black agent or broker to obtain an agency appointment. In addition, the Association is looking at discriminatory practices by major firms which make it difficult for Black agents and brokers to place business with major insurance companies. In another study, it is investigating underwriting practices which make it difficult for residents of Black communities to purchase insurance.

"We are studying the possibility of forming the nation's first Black owned and operated property and casualty insurance company in San Francisco," Carrie said. "It's a disgrace that Black brokers and agents are currently handling none of the City of San Francisco's insurance business. And that's probably true in almost every large city in America," he added.

Further information on the Association and its projects can be obtained by writing to Roosevelt Carrie at 2081 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94115.



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