

Goldberg's Concern for Unemployed Stems From Personal Sympathy

Washington - UPI - Arthur J. Goldberg is the world's most ambitious job-hunter. He's looking for 8 million jobs.

He doesn't need any of them for himself because he's already fully employed, at a salary of \$25,000 a year, as President Kennedy's secretary of labor.

But there are 5,500,000 other Americans who don't

have jobs, and at least 1,500,000 more who are working only part time.

"We've got to create an economic recovery that will afford job opportunities for this year's crop of college graduates," Goldberg said in an interview in his oak-paneled office on the third floor of the Labor Department Building on Constitution Avenue. "I regard this as our

priority assignment."

Special Counsel

Goldberg was special counsel for the AFL-CIO, and one of the most powerful figures in the U.S. union movement, before his appointment to the Cabinet. But his concern for the unemployed is not merely the reflection of a "labor viewpoint." It stems from a deep personal sympathy for human beings who are getting

the short end of society's stick.

Arthur Goldberg grew up in Chicago's West Side slums, and has never forgotten what it's like to be poor. His memories have recently been refreshed by personal visits to industrial areas of seven eastern and midwestern states that have been hard-hit by unemployment.

In Duluth, Minn., Goldberg met a steelworker named Roy Patterson. "Mr. Secretary," Patterson said, "I've got four children at home and I've been unemployed for six months. I need work. Are you going to do something to help me?"

The question haunts Goldberg. When he looks at a government report on unemployment, he sees not cold statistics but millions of Roy Pattersons, all waiting for him to "do something."

Great Deal Already Done
Goldberg has, in fact, done a good deal already. He was a principal architect of the Kennedy administration's anti-recession program, and carried the main burden of testimony on Capitol Hill for the bills which have been enacted by Congress to extend unemployment compensation and to aid depressed areas.

Some of his former colleagues in organized labor have criticized the administration's efforts as inadequate, and have demanded more drastic measures in a hurry.

But Goldberg said there is "entire agreement" between him and President Kennedy on the pace of government efforts to stimulate recovery.

"I think the President's sense of timing is excellent," he said, underscoring the last word with a sweeping gesture of his right hand. "It obviously would not be appropriate to come forward with new proposals until Congress has completed action on those we originally advanced."

He acknowledged, how-

ever, that new proposals are under "active consideration" in the administration for submission to Congress later in this session.

One plan which has Goldberg's strong support calls for an outlay for several hundred million dollars to attack "hard-core" unemployment by restraining jobless workers in new skills.

The plan also calls for helping young people - especially those who have finished or dropped out of high school without acquiring marketable skills - to train themselves

for employment in today's highly technological world. This might be done through on-the-job training programs in cities, with the government paying employers to teach the young people a trade. A supplementary idea is to set up a Youth Conservation Corps - reminiscent of the New Deal's CCC - to put young people to work in national parks and forests.

Contagious Habit

Goldberg was exactly on time for the interview - a rarity in the new administration, where being late for ap-

pointments seems to be a contagious habit of high officials. After preliminary pleasantries, he relaxed with one foot perched on the corner of his desk, a posture which heightened his strong resemblance to a college professor.

At 52, Goldberg is the second oldest member of the Cabinet, yielding seniority only to Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, who is 62. He is a man of medium build (5 feet 10, 153 pounds), with wavy gray hair, and wears thick-lensed, horn-rimmed glasses. He graduated

from Northwestern University Law School at the age of 20 with the highest academic average ever achieved in that institution, and has retained the professional outlook of a legal scholar through his long years of front-line involvement in labor-management and political struggles.

Reflects Heritage

Both in his devotion to ethical principles and in his humanitarianism, Goldberg reflects a Jewish religious heritage of which he is very proud. His grandfather was a rabbi and his father was

president of an Orthodox synagogue. Goldberg retains sentimental ties with Orthodox Judaism, but has become an active member of the Reform branch.

"I'm a pragmatic person, not a preacher," he said. "But I do feel strongly that our nation needs to recover a strict sense of moral principle. If truth has indeed 'fallen in the street,' let's lift her up again. A Democratic society cannot function successfully except on the foundation of honesty, integrity and responsibility."

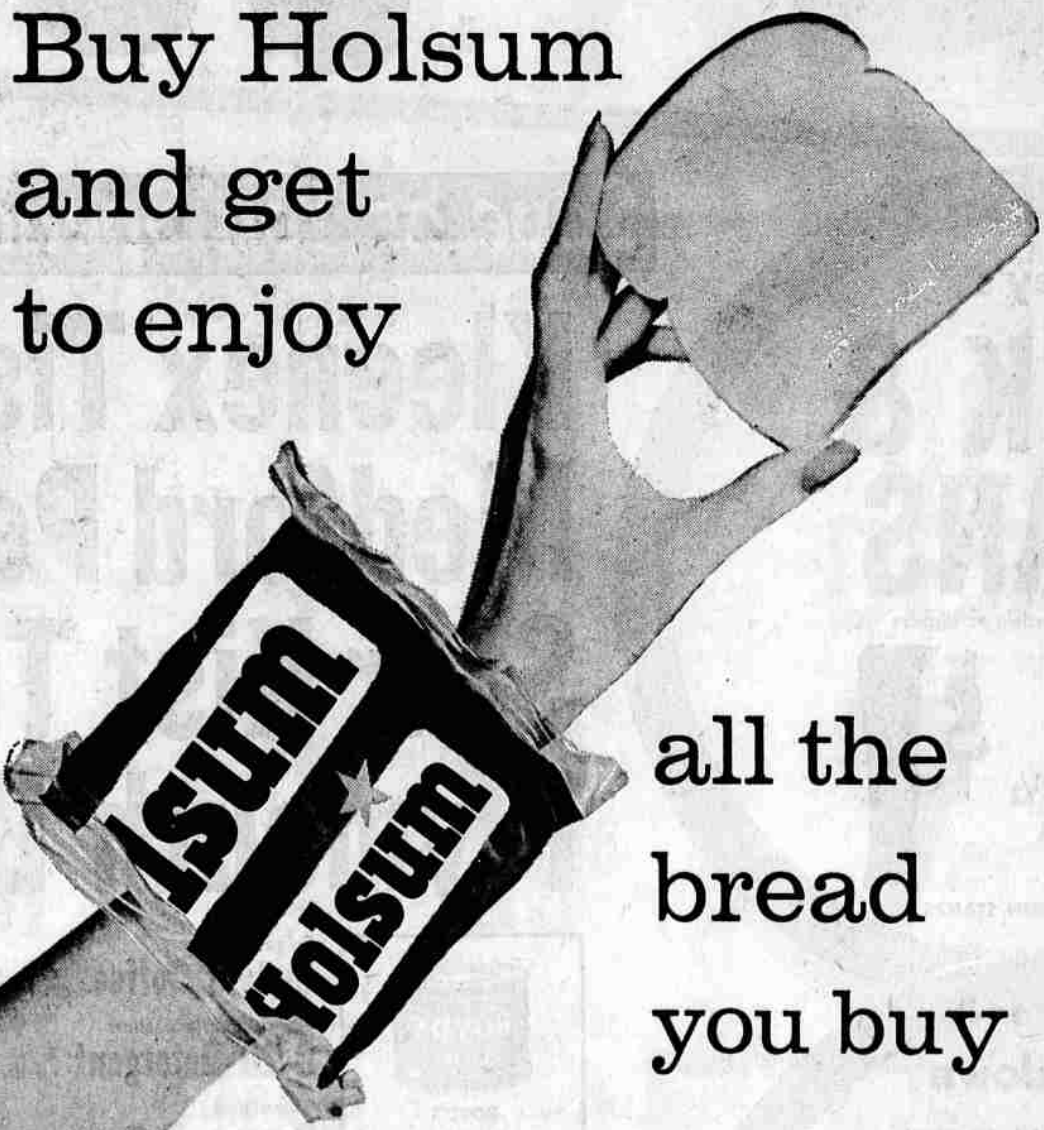
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