

Illegitimate Births Are Subject of Welfare Study

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Washington—UPI—How do other counties cope with the social problem of illegitimate births?

Welfare programs in the United States—especially those related to aid for dependent children (ADC)—have been heavily assailed in recent months for alleged abuses which are regarded as a waste of the taxpayers' money. They are coming under severe official scrutiny.

President Kennedy has proposed to Congress drastic reforms in overall relief regulations. All are aimed at helping relief families become self-supporting. At present, public assistance to some 7 million persons is costing U.S. taxpayers nearly \$4 billion a year.

Studies to be made in the welfare field will deal with the problem as it relates to America's well-being. And illegitimacy rates will play a major role in a comprehensive survey to be made by the children's bureau of the department of health, education and welfare.

With this in mind, a United Press International reporter checked with the Australian, Canadian, British and Swedish embassies here for facts, figures and social attitudes on illegitimacy problems within those countries.

Rates Given

In illegitimacy rates for 1957, given in the Demographic Yearbook published by the United Nations in 1959, the selected countries recorded the following incidence of illegitimacy for every thousand live births: Australia, 42.4; Canada, 39.5; England and Wales, 47.7; Sweden, 101.2 and the United States, 47.4.

Sweden follows the most comprehensive program of support for the unwed mother and her child. A spokesman at the Swedish Embassy said

"multiple illegitimacy is rare." Swedish figures show that most unwed mothers in Sweden are young girls who do not have more than one baby out of wedlock.

Every child in Sweden, rich or poor, legitimate or not, receives cash benefits from the state until age 16. (This policy also is followed in Canada and in about 12 European countries.) Free hospitalization is supplied by the Swedish state as well as free nursery schools. It also supplies all mothers with support and en-

courages the unwed mother to keep and rear her child. Sweden tries to impose support payments on the father and also maintains orphanages and adoption agencies.

Steps Taken
In the other counties, steps also have been taken to prevent the onus of illegitimacy from falling upon the child. Birth certificates do not indicate illegitimacy in Britain, the United States, Canada and Australia. Laws in Britain, Canada and Australia have been enacted which define the

inheritance rights of illegitimate offspring.

In England and Australia there is no state subsidy for children and mothers as in Sweden and Canada, or even in the United States as applied to "hardship cases." In England and Australia the welfare programs are left to the state or local governments, supplemented by private or church organizations. Much assistance for the unwed mother is left to philanthropic institutions.

Federal welfare officials are troubled by the U. S. illegitimacy rate but they see no simple solution. Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, chief of HEW's children's bureau, wrote in a pamphlet survey-

ing the predicament of unwed parents that since 1957 the rate has risen from 47.4 to 52 per one thousand live births. That means, she said, that one in every 20 children is born out of wedlock.

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CALIFORNIA'S CHOICE—The new Miss California, Marilyn Tindall, 21, admires her trophy after she was selected from a group of 40 California beauties to represent the state in the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant in Miami Beach, Fla., next month. Miss Tindall represented Los Angeles in the Miss California competition. (UPI)

Living Costs Hold Steady at Record Of 105.2 Per Cent

Washington—UPI—The Labor Department reported today that living costs held steady at a record-high level and the average factory worker's take home pay climbed to an all-time peak in May.

Lower costs of food, solid fuel and gasoline offset higher prices of medical care, housing and used cars to halt a three-month rise in the consumer price index.

This left the index unchanged at its all-time high of 105.2 per cent of 1957-59 prices. In other words, it now costs \$10.52 to buy the same goods and services that were available for \$10 a few years ago.

Welcome Respite

Robert J. Myers, deputy commissioner of labor statistics, said the May figures were a "welcome little respite" from substantial advances in February, March and April.

The department reported that spendable earnings of the average factory production worker hit a new peak last month because the work week and hourly earnings both increased.

Buying Powers Up

Average take home pay of a factory worker with three dependents rose to \$86.05 and the similar figure for a single man climbed to \$78.38 a week. These earnings are about 50 cents higher than April and \$4 a week more than a year ago.

The buying power of these earnings, after deduction of federal taxes, also increased and neared last December's peak. It was almost 4 per cent higher than a year ago.

Prices of consumer goods and services have advanced by 1.3 per cent over the year with major increases in medical care, services, housing, public transportation, food, used cars and gasoline.

In May, lower prices for eggs, meats, poultry, dairy products and most fresh fruits led to a decline in the food index despite spiraling costs of fresh vegetables.

Light North Dakota Vote Turnout Seen

Bismarck, N.D.—UPI—Sen. Milton Young (R-N.D.) had only token opposition and political observers forecast a light turnout in today's North Dakota primary elections.

Between 125,000 and 160,000 voters were expected to cast ballots, at least 60,000 less than the record turnout for the 1960 primary, which included a special election for a U.S. Senate seat.

Young was opposed by independent Roger Vorachek, Lankin, N.D.

The only other contests on today's ballot were for state offices and all primary nominations were on the Republican ticket.

Jubilee Scheduled In Jacksonville

Jacksonville—All business and civic organizations planning to sponsor a queen for the Jacksonville Jubilee should submit their entries as soon as possible, according to Dr. A. A. Griffith, chairman of the contest.

The contest begins Monday, July 2, and closes Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 6 a.m. The jubilee is set for Aug. 4 and 5.

Weekly prizes will be given to the queen contestants selling the most Jubilee tickets.

MADE FUNDS AVAILABLE

Bonn, Germany—UPI—West Germany made \$741.9 million available to underdeveloped nations during the past year, it was reported today. A study showed that since 1957, more than half of all West German funds going to underdeveloped areas has come from private investors.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, the big political news is the unexpected defeat in the house of representatives of President Kennedy's GET TOUGH farm bill. In the final showdown, it lost by a vote of 215 to 205.

It had been passed by the senate, by a narrow margin. Its approval by the house had been rather obviously expected. The obvious conclusion is that at the last minute there was a lot of soul-searching by members of the house who will have to face the farm voters this fall.

It was a tough bill. It put teeth in proposals to cut down production at a time when the warehouses are bulging with surplus.

It would have placed MANDATORY acreage reductions and national marketing quotas for the first time on feed grains and wheat. These grains have contributed most heavily to the massive surpluses now held by the government.

It carried an implied threat that if the farmers failed to go along with its provisions the accumulated surpluses might be thrown on the market for what they would bring.

That was the mailed fist in the velvet glove.

THE American Farm Bureau Federation, which led the fight against the bill, calls the house vote this morning a VICTORY for farmers, consumers and taxpayers, and adds: "The only losers were the political empire builders in Washington."

THE interesting part of this "tough farm bill" proposal, from the beginning, was why Kennedy administration would risk so tough a project. It was generally regarded as evidence that the New Frontiersmen, after analyzing the results of the 1960 election, had come to the conclusion that the balance of political power in the U.S. is now held by the tightly packed and largely Democratic-voting masses in the Big Towns and that it will now be safe to disregard the farm vote and rely for power on the big city vote that seems solidly Democratic and New Frontier minded.

The AFB's comment that "the only losers were the political empire builders in Washington" seems to go along with the new theory that the Democrats party's future lies wholly in the Big Towns and so the farmers can safely be told what they must do—or else!

Pensions—A veterans group reported that it was virtually certain now that a discharge petition that would force an \$11 billion pension bill to a House vote would receive the required number of signatures. The veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. said they already have 192 of the 219 signatures needed.

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Three Important Laws Slated for Vote in Congress

Washington—UPI—The Senate Monday considered the first of three important laws that will expire at the end of this week unless Congress takes action before then.

The week shaped up to be one of the busiest of the session so far.

Monday it called up a House-approved bill that would extend for one year corporate and excise tax rates that have been in effect since the Korean war.

Before June 30 it must also vote on whether to increase the federal debt limit and extend the Sugar act.

There is also a possibility that the administration's controversial medical care proposal might show up as an amendment to a welfare bill.

Money Bills Waiting

In addition to those measures, both the Senate and House must resolve a state-mate over appropriation bills that are supposed to finance government agencies after the new fiscal year starts July 1.

Other congressional news:
Entertainers—The Senate rackets subcommittee planned to ask top officials of the American Guild of Variety Artists to answer charges that they did not protect female members of the entertainers union. The sub-committee has heard testimony that union officials collaborated with some night club owners in forcing AGV members to double as B-girls and prostitutes.

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