



**SWORN IN** — Howard Jenkins Jr., 48, of Denver, is sworn in as the first Negro member of the National Labor Relations Board by Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg. Jenkins, a Republican, is a former law professor and specialist in the field of labor administration. He succeeds Philip Ray Rodgers, now GOP counsel for the House Labor committee. Center is Gerard A. Brown. (UPI)

# Adult Education Programs Are Asset to Community

By DAVID NYDICK  
UPI Education Specialist  
Adult education programs are a valuable asset to our society. They allow individuals to pursue personal interests with expert direction and instruction. Adults participate for many reasons: to obtain a high school diploma; to obtain a better position; to better enjoy leisure time; as a social activity. There are many opportunities to study cultural, recreational, academic and business subjects.

There are many areas about which he would like to learn more. He makes an excellent student since he has a genuine interest in learning. There are many community agencies sponsoring adult programs. You should investigate the many fascinating possibilities.

Question: I am inquiring about the availability of an adult education course, in art, for a group of young parents. We have checked with our local school system and find that they do not offer any adult courses. We are willing to travel a reasonable distance but do not know how to locate such a class. How should we go about solving this problem?

Answer: Adult education programs have expanded rapidly during recent years. There are several approaches you might follow. Check with neighboring school systems, nearby colleges, libraries, and museums. If these institutions cannot meet your needs, try to arrange the course by yourselves. This can be done by contacting the extension division of a college. You possibly could make an arrangement with an art teacher from your local school system. You might also perform a community service by requesting your local board of education to organize an adult education program. If there is sufficient community interest, the board of education may arrange such a program or at least permit the use of school facilities by outside groups.

Question: My neighbors would like to improve their ability to speak English. They also wish to become citizens of the United States. They have asked me for advice. I helped them complete the proper applications.

Answer: Your local school system should be able to assist your neighbors. Contact the board of education or superintendent's office. They generally sponsor citizenship courses for adults or will be able to direct you to the nearest system which does. The courses are usually free, although it is possible that a fee will be charged. You can also check with the office where the application for citizenship was filed.

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## Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER  
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**WHAT IS DOLLAR DEVALUATION?** — V (Last in a series of 5 columns)  
In Washington this Sept. 30, the Finance Ministers of the free world will convene for the most crucial international monetary meeting since the 1944 Bretton Woods conference — the historic meeting in New Hampshire at which the United States led in reconstructing the war-devastated financial structures of the West and in creating the great International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

At Bretton Woods almost 20 years ago, the dollar's power was at the core of all discussions, for only our currency was strong enough to become the pivot of the West's economies.

In Washington next month, the dollar's weakness will be at the core of all discussions, for just because we have sent so many tens of billions of U.S. dollars abroad to build, rebuild and defend other nations, we have progressively undermined the dollar's enormous power.

Therefore, for the first time, the delegates to the International Monetary Fund's annual meeting next month will openly debate whether and how and when the monetary structures set up at Bretton Woods should be "re-fined" or "further developed" to take the load off the dollar and provide the additional credit which will be essential in the years ahead to finance a rising volume of world trade.

There is no "instant gold" solution to the problem that has hit us because we have been spending so much more abroad than we have been earning abroad year after year. We cannot solve the problem of our dwindling gold supply by doubling the price at which we officially sell gold to qualified foreign owners of dollars, thereby giving ourselves a 100 per cent "profit" on our gold reserve and twice as many metal dollars with which to meet dollar claims against us.

We cannot expect to end the deficit in our balance of payments by devaluing the dollar in terms of gold and other currencies, thereby theoretically making our exports of goods and services much more attractive to foreign customers and imports of goods much less attractive to U.S. consumers.

The theoretical advantages of a unilateral devaluation of the dollar simply do not hold up even under superficial scrutiny. In the words of Treasury Undersecretary Robert V. Roosa, "Raising the price of gold by similar action on the part of other countries" (wiping out our advantage at once), and "the world would be left without a major currency, generally acceptable as a supplement to gold. That is why most serious consideration of international monetary reform has long since dismissed devaluation of the dollar as a practical possibility."

In the words of Federal Reserve Board Chairman William McChesney Martin, "It would immediately spell the end of the dollar as an international currency and the beginning of a retreat from the present world role of the United States that would produce far-reaching political as well as economic effects. It would invite the disintegration of existing relationships among the free nations that are essential for the maintenance and extension of world prosperity and even world peace."

The U.S. now is acutely aware that a failure to slash the deficit in our balance of payments will have disastrous consequences. We are launching a major drive to expand our exports, even though we already are running a \$4.3 billion a year surplus in our trade. We are cutting down on foreign aid spending, other types of overseas spending. We are raising short-term interest rates to encourage foreign holders of dollars to keep them invested and on deposit here and to encourage U.S. lenders to seek borrowers here.

The White House is pushing a "penalty" tax to discourage U.S. investors from buying foreign securities and thus adding to the outflow of dollars. We are insisting that most foreign aid funds be used to purchase U.S. goods and services. We are promoting tourism in the U.S. to close the gap between what U.S. tourists spend abroad and others spend here. We have created an unprecedented system of technical defenses for the dollar and, in close cooperation with the central bankers of other nations, are improving the defenses from month to month.

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