

Census Bureau Error Attributed To Black Undercount

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Census Bureau said Wednesday it missed about 5.3 million persons in the 1970 Census, notably 7.7 per cent of the black population.

Second Ag Named To Play In Musical Drama 'Texas'

Mitchell D. Hall, a May graduate, has been selected for the cast of the nationally famous summer production "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle.

Hall, a physical education major from Sugar Land, will portray Dave Newberry, a successful West Texas rancher.

The outdoor amphitheater production will run from June 21 through Aug. 25, every night at 8:30 except Sunday.

Another A&M student, John A. Steele, TAMU junior education major from Refugio, will appear in the musical portrayal of Texas history. He was selected as a dancer with some acting possibilities.

sus was due in part to fear of census enumerators to knock on doors in the inner cities.

Officials said they have no way of estimating the undercount for individual states, cities or other jurisdictions.

They will report with other actors for rehearsals May 20 at West Texas State University in Canyon. Full rehearsals of Paul Green's story of Texas in the 1880s begin a few days later.

Tourists from the U. S. and Mexico visit the summer production. It is presented in Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon, about 20 miles east of Canyon.

Hall auditioned for a "Texas" part in early March at Waco. The director, Bill Moore, notified him of the result by phone Tuesday.

"He said he had a 'peach of a part' for me," related Hall. "I'm tickled to death. The best I expected was a part in the chorus."

However, Joseph Waksberg, associate Census Bureau director, acknowledged that much of the undercount could have occurred in cities where there is a large concentration of blacks. The undercount for whites was only 1.9 per cent.

The bureau called a news conference to announce the undercount, which it said represented 2.5 per cent of the total 203.2 million residential population reported in the 1970 census.

The undercount of 5.3 million exceeded 41 state populations, but the Census Bureau acting director, Robert L. Hagan, said it still was an improvement over the 1960 census undercount of 2.7 per cent and the 1950 undercount of 3.3 per cent.

The fact that the bureau cannot breakdown its undercount for states and cities means there will be no adjustments of population for localities. Their populations will remain based on the original 1970 census.

Census population figures are used in determining such things as congressional apportionment and allocation of revenue-sharing funds.

But Waksberg said "there is no evidence of a serious undercount anywhere that differs substantially from the over all undercount."

Other officials said the bureau received about 300 complaints following its 1970 census, but said that none justified making any recounts. Among cities that complained was Chicago.

Officials explained that the undercount was determined by cross-checking the actual 1970 count with figures on births,

deaths, Medicare enrollment, immigration-emigration, past census data analyses of age, sex and race distribution of the population.

It acknowledged that the undercount information also cannot be considered completely accurate but said the "range of possible error does not appear to be very wide."

Hagan said changing social conditions made census taking more difficult in 1970.

"These conditions," he said,

"included increased resistance because of changing lifestyles in the country, more alienation and distrust of authority, more organized attempts to protest the census and it was more difficult for our census takers . . . to work in cities, particularly inner cities."

The bureau said a total of 3.45 million whites were missed in the census, compared with 3.25 million in 1960.

The undercount of blacks was estimated at 1.88 million compared with 1.63 million in 1960.

ACEJ Approves 2 Programs In Journalism Department

The American Council on Education for Journalism has announced accreditation of two sequences offered by A&M's Journalism Department.

C. J. Leabo, department head, said the national accrediting agency for journalism programs, formally accredited A&M's news-

editorial and agricultural journalism sequences.

The TAMU journalism program was established in 1948. Its Community Journalism and Agricultural Journalism sequences were accredited for the first time in 1956. Both sequences were reaccredited in 1960. In 1966, because of the small enrollment in the agricultural journalism sequence, only the community journalism was considered by ACEJ and subsequently reaccredited.

Leabo said this year the department switched its request for reaccreditation from community journalism, which was designed to turn out graduates for media in small towns, to news-editorial, a sequence designed to produce professionals for work in all media, local and national.

"Because of growth in the agricultural journalism program in recent years, we again qualified numerically to seek renewal of our former accreditation in this sequence," Leabo added.

A four-man team under the chairmanship of Dr. Warren K. Agee, dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Georgia, visited the journalism department in March. The team's recommendation was forwarded to the ACEJ which gave final approval to the two sequences this month in St. Louis, Leabo explained.

He said 61 universities and colleges have sequences accredited by ACEJ. TAMU's department is the smallest in faculty size, with four full-time faculty and three quarter-time faculty.

Other institutions with accredited sequences in Texas include the University of Texas, Texas Christian University, North Texas State University, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

There are approximately 150 journalism majors at A&M, with 120 registered in the news-editorial sequence and 30 in agricultural journalism.

These figures reflect an increase of 150 per cent from the fall of 1967 when 61 students were enrolled, Leabo noted. Enrollment in the journalism department has increased 19 per cent each year for the past two years, and a similar increase is expected next fall.

The department is developing a graduate program and plans to offer its first graduate courses this summer. Leabo said he hopes the department can offer a master's degree in the near future.

Aggie Band

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