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Rate of errors low in welfare

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Efforts to reduce the number of excessive welfare payments have produced the first significant decline in the program's error rate in more than two years, the government announced Saturday.

Califano said the rate of excessive payments in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program dropped from 8.7 percent to 8.1 percent in the six months ending last June 30.

"This reduction," said Califano, "is the first significant decrease since January 1977." The program involves federal and state funds administered by state welfare agencies.

Of the \$5 billion in payments during the six-month period, HEW figures showed \$535 million involved overpayment errors. Of that sum, \$286 million was the federal government's mistake.

Califano said the lower rate represents "continuing progress in our efforts to reduce fraud and abuse" in two HEW cash assistance programs: Aid to Families with Dependent Children and the Supplemental Security Income.

For the latter program, which involves benefits to the blind, disabled and very poor, Califano said the rate of excessive payments fell 4.6 percent during the six months ending Sept. 30, 1978 — a rate that has held steady since October 1977.

Of the \$3 billion in total payments from this program, excessive payments totaled \$151 million.

"This error rate of 4.6 percent represents the lowest rate since Social Security Administration began administering the program in January 1974," Califano said.

Other mistakes in the AFDC program — failure to report Social Security numbers of recipients, failure to assign child support to the Child Support Enforcement program — involved 2.4 percent of AFDC benefit payments. Califano said they are not necessarily excessive payments.

Boston symphony: a sellout in Peking

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PEKING — The Boston Symphony Orchestra held its first concert in Peking Saturday before a sellout audience that included Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) and the legendary widow of Sun Yat-sen.

The orchestra, on the first cultural exchange between China and the United States since the two nations normalized relations, blended Oriental and Western classical music in a new concert hall built in Peking especially for the occasion.

Madame Song Quing-lin, the aged, American-educated widow of the founder of modern China, accompanied Deng to the packed concert in one of her extremely rare public appearances.

Despite her age, which is not generally known, she still retains the position of vice chairman of the standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

The widow of Sun Yat-sen's own connection with Boston is well known. Her daughter, Sachussets, just outside the city, Deng, who also talked American newsmen said, (concert) shows the contact between our two people, and contacts are very useful. The enhance understanding.

Deng later told Ozawa that he has much to learn from your field.

The Boston musicians have presented concerts in Shanghai, held workshops for Chinese musicians, who by their own admission have lost a decade of training and political upheavals in China.

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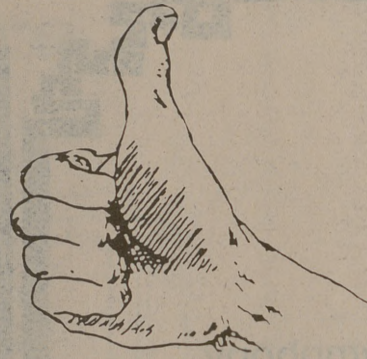
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