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World and Nation

Mississippi workfare program sports success, officials claim

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Welfare officials celebrating the first anniversary of Mississippi's workfare program say they've shown that even the nation's poorest state can take those who have never had a steady job or who haven't worked in years off the dole.

While Congress debated the most comprehensive welfare reform bill in 50 years, Mississippi Department of Public Welfare officials lauded their program for turning workfare jobs into paying employment for 109

of the 765 food stamp recipients participating so far.

Welfare recipients, they said, may be pulling themselves up by their bootstraps largely because of the state's poverty.

"We're not distressed by the current economic situation," Welfare Commissioner Thomas Brittain said. "In fact, I get a personal kick from trying to do more with less."

Mississippi has the lowest per capita income in the nation at \$10,204; 20 percent of its residents rely on

food stamps.

"A lot of people, including some who work here in this department, said workfare can't work in Mississippi," Brittain said. "The reasons they gave me for that is it's a rural-based state, that we have high unemployment."

But Brittain said he knew workfare could work in Mississippi because although local governments were short of revenue for needed services, there were "tremendous numbers of people on welfare who

in my opinion were able to work."

Gloria Rutledge, a regional program specialist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's office, agreed that Mississippi's workfare program has contributed to its success.

"I don't know that this would have worked so well in some other states," Rutledge said of the program, which requires clients to work for the government the number of hours equaling the minimum wage that equals the value of their food stamp allowance.

Jury will release research on intent of police bombing

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A grand jury will release its findings on criminal intent this week in the police bombing three years ago of the radical group MOVE in which 11 people died and 61 homes were destroyed by a resulting fire.

Police arranged the bombing of the barricaded and heavily fortified row house on May 13, 1985, in an attempt to evict the MOVE followers. Neighbors had complained to city officials and threatened to take matters into their own hands if nothing was done about the group.

Members of the mysterious group, whose name was not an acronym for anything, championed back-to-nature rituals, lived in filth, refused to send their children to school and openly disobeyed health and safety laws, authorities said.

An investigating commission said the group "had evolved into an authoritarian, violence-threatening cult."

The police bomb touched off a rooftop fire that soon raged out of control while firefighters held back, afraid they would be hit by gunfire

that had echoed through the neighborhood. The 11 killed, five of them children, were all inside the MOVE house.

No one has been accused of any criminal act in the bombing. But both Philadelphia County and federal grand juries began investigating. The Philadelphia report is due tomorrow.

"I would really be hard-pressed, quite frankly, to see how any grand jury could come out with any indictments other than a scathing report," said Robert Hurst, president of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Officers built the bomb and dropped it from a helicopter after getting approval from Mayor W. Wilson Goode.

A special commission appointed by Goode later charged the mayor was "grossly negligent" in approving the bombing. It also condemned the use of gunfire by police as "reckless" and "unconscionable."

Relatives of the mostly black MOVE victims denounced Goode, the first black mayor in the nation's fifth-largest city, as "a murderer" and have sued the city for damages.

World briefs

Report calls China's market slumping

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's march to a freer market economy is slowing, and its reform-minded leaders are at odds over how much further to go, the Central Intelligence Agency said in a report released Sunday.

"One assessment of the current state of reforms is that China now risks stalling out halfway on the road to a market economy," the CIA said in a report to Congress that was released by the Joint Economic Committee.

"Although all Chinese leaders now consider themselves reformers, a consensus over the ultimate shape of a reformed China is notably lacking," the report said.

The report, which examined all sections of the Chinese economy, said it turned in a pessimistic performance last year.

"Chinese statistics indicate a substantial decline in the trade deficit, high industrial production and improved labor productivity," the report said.

Oil ministers halt try at production cuts

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC oil ministers early Monday suspended for a month their efforts to agree on a proposed token cut in oil production, raising prospects of a fresh drop in oil prices.

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said they would reconvene June 8 to discuss the proposed reductions in output.

Several ministers expressed disappointment at the breakdown of negotiations, which were viewed as a chance to shore up prices and open a new avenue of cooperation with non-OPEC producers who had proposed production cuts.

"I would be much happier we could have agreed on this now," Libyan oil minister F. Shakshuki said.

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SUMMER RECREATIONAL SERVICES

As the spring semester draws to an end, we would like to remind faculty, staff and students of the summer recreational services offered by the IM-Rec Sports Department. Recreational services may be purchased for \$7.50 to use the recreational facilities for the swimming pools. These passes are good until August 31. To obtain a pool pass, faculty, staff and students should go by the Office in DeWare. Locker rentals are also available this summer. \$12. If you already have a locker rented, you should either renew or clear it out by June 7. The **Driving Range** will be open Monday, 3 - 8 PM; Friday, 2 - 8 PM; Saturday, noon - 8 PM; and Sunday, 2 - 8 PM. These hours will be effective May 9, 1988.

SUMMER INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

The following sports activities will be offered during the summer session: softball (\$30 entry fee), volleyball triples (\$15 entry fee), basketball triples (\$15 entry fee), tennis singles, racquetball doubles, golf singles and horseshoe doubles. Entries for all activities open Monday, June 6 and close Thursday, June 9. Students currently enrolled in the first summer session who have their current student ID and faculty/staff and spouses with a recreational ID with intramural validation are eligible to participate. Any student interested in officiating these intramural activities should attend an organizational meeting on June 6, 6 PM in 164 Read.

Exercise classes will once again be offered through the IM-Rec Sports Department. There will be one noontime class and two evening classes. Fees vary. Classes will be taught by Waitskinet instructors. Registration is June 6-10; classes begin on June 11. For more information call, 845-7826.

FOOTNOTES

- The Sports Club Banquet will be held on May 3, at 6 PM in the Press Box of Kyle Field.
- The Intramural Awards Banquet will be held on May 5. Individuals receiving invitations should RSVP by 5 PM today.
- The last day for locker renewals will be June 7. Lockers will be cleared out on June 8.
- All U Volleyball Triples finals will be held on May 2, at 6:00 PM.
- The State IM Softball Tournament was held at College Station this weekend. Baylor won the place and qualified for Nationals at Las Vegas in Sept in Men's Division. Tarleton State won second and the Darylix of Texas A&M won third.

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS FOR 1987-88 CONCLUDES TONIGHT WITH THE VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 303 AND 401 READ BEGINNING AT 6:10 PM. COME ON OUT AND WATCH THE CONCLUSION OF A GREAT YEAR.

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ALL-UNIVERSITY FINALS

Since this is the last McDonald's Highlights for the Spring semester, we wanted to include the finalists for the two sports we won't be able to list champions for. Softball was completed last night, May 1 and Volleyball Triples will be completed tonight May 2. Congratulations to these teams for making the finals and may the best team win!

<p>Women's A CC Creation vs. Orange Crush</p> <p>Men's A CC Creation vs. KA</p> <p>CoRec A CC Creations vs. Top Jimmy Hogs</p> <p>Women's B K. Smackers vs. Scammers</p> <p>Men's B Imperials vs. Amongoze</p> <p>CoRec B Fun Bunch vs. Pegas</p> <p>Men's C Pthirifiter vs. Woodies</p> <p>CoRec C That's Us vs. Class Act or Project X</p>	<p>SOFTBALL</p> <p>Women's A Kumquats vs. Triple Play</p> <p>Men's A Wallys vs. Good Action</p> <p>CoRec A Pain Killers vs. I Give Up</p> <p>Women's B VB3 vs. Has Beens</p> <p>Men's B Chemagen vs. Imperials</p> <p>CoRec B Vasa vs. Far Side II</p> <p>Men's C Baaners vs. Schuh Dongs</p> <p>CoRec C Kneepads vs. JT & Friends</p>
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