

Significant Improvement

Quirk Causes Sharp Drop in Jobless Rate

By Bill Neikirk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parity through a quirk, the national unemployment rate plummeted to 3.6 percent of the labor force in June even though the number of jobless Americans grew by more than a million.

The sharp nose dive from May's 4.2 percent rate prompted the White House to call June's figure a "very significant improvement" in the high jobless rate that has prevailed this year.

But the Bureau of Labor Statistics acknowledged the June drop "may be somewhat overstated" because the survey was taken in early June, when a number of college students were still in school.

The quirk came when government statisticians cranked in seasonal adjustment factors, designed to compensate for a usual large inflow of new college students into the labor force. The bureau said seasonal adjustment this year may have been too heavy.

Despite the improvement in the rate, the report showed the number of unemployed persons climbed by 1.1 million over May to 5.5 million.

Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said this was the highest total in 10 years and disagreed with the bureau's assessment of a good month in employment.

"It was a disappointing month and the Nixon administration knows it was a disappointing month," he said in a statement.

UFO Show To Open at Planetarium

The first showings of "How to Watch a Flying Saucer" will be held at the Shreveport Planetarium today and tomorrow at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., according to John Williams, instructor at Century College, who is in charge of the presentations.

The planetarium is located at the State Fair Grounds. The programs will take the form of dramatic presentations using special projection and sound effects. Bob Busick, chairman of the Department of Theater and Speech at Century College, plays the role of the scientist in the program.

Williams will be in charge of the presentations this weekend and will be available to answer any questions.

Assisting in the programs will be Leroy Foster Jr.

The programs are being produced by the corporate sponsor, Charles Worley, director of the planetarium.

Girl's Body Is Discovered At Pineville

ALEXANDRIA — The body of a young white woman was found in the woods near Pineville Friday.

Dr. Walter Murrell, coroner, said the girl appeared to be under 20 years of age, about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds. She had brown hair.

She appeared to have been dead two days or more.

Murrell said an autopsy would be performed. He said there were no signs of sexual abuse, but there were marks on the neck which might indicate that she was strangled.

He added that she was clad only in a blouse which had been pulled up around her neck and that her other clothes were found nearby.

Murrell said that fingerprints were taken and other checks are being made to obtain information which might lead to identification.

Forest Planting At 97,179 Acres

James E. Mixon, state forester, announced this week that 97,179 acres in Louisiana were regenerated to forest land this year. This is the most extensive acreage in 10 years.

Nearly 30 million seedlings were planted on more than 70,000 acres and 24,000 acres were directly replanted throughout the state.

Caddo Parish landowners bought 308,000 seedlings from the Louisiana Forestry Commission and regenerated 41 acres of forest. Allen, Beauregard, Vernon and Rapides parishes led in acreage devoted to forestry, each with more than 6,000 acres planted or seeded in 1971.

Mixon attributed the increase to landowner's interest in the South's third forest and the realization of the vital role it will play in the future of the state. Experts have determined that by the year 2000, the South must grow a new forest.

Mixon stated that the new forest must be planted and growing by 1985.

The South has been urged to grow the new forest because it has less industry, more undeveloped land and a tougher growing season than any other region.

Underworld 2 Policemen

Plot Blamed In Shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Two policemen charged by federal officials with taking a bribe in the underworld were suspended Friday by Police Sgt. Clarence Giarrusso.

The men involved were Capt. Frederick Soule Sr. and Sgt. Robert Frey.

Both were charged Wednesday, along with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and seven others — with being involved in bribes and payoffs.

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Daley said the plotter had marked several other top underworld figures for elimination, besides Colombo. He said the police are now protecting the other targets.

He said it would have been very messy if the entire plot had been carried out, Daley said.

He displayed a motion picture camera which he said Johnson had carried at the time of the shooting.

Johnson had rented the camera in Boston and paid for it with a black card, Daley said.

At the scene of the shooting, police said they found the camera, which he said Johnson had carried to explain where the camera was located or if it had exposed film in the past.

Navy Picks Producer of Sub Torpedo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy chose Good Friday to produce the Navy's most advanced antisubmarine torpedo in a program that could reach \$1 billion.

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Mills Predicts State Changes

"The winds of change are blowing in Louisiana," the state legislator said, "and the state is moving forward."

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Britain Will Launch Huge Plastics Warship

By Geoffrey Thomas

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LONDON — After years of research by the Royal Navy, shipbuilders Vickers Armstrong, and scientists at Bristol Aerodynamics, a warship made of glass-reinforced plastics is about to become a reality. It is 135 feet long—the longest glass-reinforced plastic vessel in the world—and it is due to be launched later this year.

The bureau said the new warship would be built in a factory in the north of England, but didn't say how much.

President Nixon had pledged to cut the jobs rate to 4.5 percent by mid-1972 through his policies of economic expansion, but even though the expansion began late last year, the jobs rate has hovered around 5 percent for six consecutive months.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., the GOP leader in the Senate, said the decline "provides striking evidence that President Nixon's economic policies have taken hold."

Total employment dropped by 500,000 to 78.4 million in June, the report said.

The number in the civilian labor force climbed by 1.9 million to 85 million. But the seasonal adjustment, it amounted to a one million decline.

However, this type of construction is more expensive than steel ships, they do not have to be continually repainted and the reinforced plastics are used in small craft as large as frigates.

The advantages of glass-reinforced plastics vessels are many. Primarily they do not rust, they are resistant to fire, and they are easy to maintain.

The hull itself was laid up in a steel mold—a mold which will be used on other craft.

The construction presented many problems along the way, but the specially built workshop at Vickers' Woolston, Southport, yard had to be provided with special ventilation for fume extraction to keep the styrene vapor given off by the resin.

The Royal Navy and Vosper are confident this project will succeed in solving the problem of building a new class of ship.

The building has gone according to plan with no major teething troubles, Vosper said.

Gold is headquartered in the Navy said the ship will be performed at the company's Cleveville division in Scotland.

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