

as they had on Negroes that was readily available. This has been used in preparing releases intended primarily for papers within specific States, although these stories have been of such a type as to command National distribution.

I represented this Administration at the preliminary conference held in preparation for the conference on Negro youth and Negroes, called by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director, Division of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration.

V. Current Picture

The current picture, in addition to centering around reduction protests and the general socio-economics affecting the Negro in private industry reflects all of the various elements incident to work relief.

There is no doubt that the disproportionate number of Negro women heads of families, especially in the South, together with the inability of Negro women to secure employment at a living wage, is causing considerable unrest and real hardship.

The month's incidents, including the nature of correspondence, has confirmed my previously formed opinion that the charges alleging that Negroes on relief are satisfied and content to remain so invariably originate in localities where there is an over supply of cheap labor, and where wages and conditions in private industry are well nigh unbearable. Living conditions of Negro families in such communities and areas tend to improve when they have access to relief rolls.