

Information Letter No. 5

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1968 VOTING POTENTIAL

If you are interested in obtaining figures on voting potential, white and Negro, for the 1968 national election, they are available from this office by parish. Upon request, I will include the figures for all parishes in the Information Letter, or send individuals the figures for specific parishes. Remember, the voting potential figures in Information Letter No. 3 are for 1964 - and may be considerably different by 1968.

JOB CORPS - UNDER THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964

I will soon be sending each project a supply of material on the Job Corps, a work-training program that is being created under the Anti-poverty program, and seems to have tremendous potential. I will be sending you posters for display, descriptive booklets about the program for distribution, and application cards for interested people between the ages of 16-21. This should be a very valuable program for areas with an unemployment problem -- which is most of Louisiana!

I also have several film strips and records about the Job Corps which you might want to use. They are very good and are available upon request. I have about 5 of them. You will have to rent a projector.

CADDO PARISH PROJECT APPROVED UNDER TITLE V

Louisiana has had two (2) projects approved under Title V (Work Experience Programs) of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. One is for Acadia and one for Caddo Parish. They will be set up through the Dept. of Public Welfare, P.O. Box 4065, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Commissioner of Public Welfare is Mr. Edmund R. Reggie. You might want to contact local Welfare authorities.

Title V of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 includes the following:

Section 501 declares that the purpose of the title is to expand the opportunities for work and training for those who are unable to support or care for themselves or their families.

Section 502 provides that in order to stimulate states to adopt programs to help unemployed fathers and other needy persons to secure employment or otherwise attain capability for self-support, the Director is authorized to transfer to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare funds to make payments for experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects under section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

Section 503 authorizes an appropriation to the Director for the fiscal year 1965 of \$150 million; and for the succeeding 2 fiscal years such sums as may be authorized by Congress hereafter.

REMEMBER, IF THERE IS EVIDENCE OF DISCRIMINATION IN THESE PROJECTS, WE CAN HAVE THE FEDERAL FUNDS CUT OFF BY THE DEPT. OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE!

MY MISTAKE

When I was last in Baton Rouge, someone asked me to get the requirements for becoming a county agricultural extension agent. I have now obtained this information, but have forgotten who requested it. Ronnie Moore has a copy of the information also, so will the appropriate person please contact one of us? Sorry !

EAST FELICIANA ASCS INFORMATION

Note: East Feliciana Parish ASC Office Manager said that the parish "plants less than one half of it's allotment, with the result that any farm can have an allotment equal to its needs." Do Negro farmers know this?

1. County Office Manager: Mildred N. Jacocks, Acting County Office Manager
(She is new since the handbook was issued, but the address is still the same as on page 25 of the handbook. Please make the change)
2. Mailing List
 - a) 1200 farmers on the list
 - b) made up of farm operators and active producers
3. Elections
 - a) held by mail
 - b) an average of 575 farmers voted in each of the last five elections
 - c) there are 8 ASC Communities in the parish; there are also 8 wards - find out if the boundaries are the same
4. Programs
 - a) soil conservation, crop allotment, soil bank, agricultural adjustment, CCC purchasing all are carried out in the parish
 - b) local farmers are informed of these programs by monthly newsletters and by the local weekly newspaper.

BOSSIER PARISH REGISTRATION FIGURES BY WARD

Regret voter registration figures by ward for Bossier parish are available from my office on request, but they are NOT broken down by race.

COTTON REFERENDUM APPROVED 1965 MARKETING QUOTAS

Marketing quotas were approved in the cotton referendum on December 15th. I've had no reports on Negro participation in that election, and would like to hear from anyone who did any work on it. Now that the quotas have been approved, farmers voluntarily reducing their cotton allotment this year will receive 4.35 cents a pound on the normal yield of cotton established for the farm times the acreage planted for harvest. This must be done by February 26. See that Negro farmers who volunteer to reduce their allotment get their fair price support payment !

RICE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26th

See the explanation sheet for the cotton referendum which I distributed in December, since the same information applies to the rice referendum. (Additional copies of that notice are available from this office on request). Contact local ASC offices (addresses are in handbook and previous Information Letters) for poll locations. Farmers should be receiving their rice allotment notices before January 26.

Farmers who still have rice on hand may file an application for a price support loan. Applications must be filed by January 31, 1965. Loans can be made through March 31.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ACP)

Applications for cost-sharing for conservation practices under ACP will be accepted by the local ASC offices beginning January 4, 1965. A list of ACP practices is probably available from the ASC office. More information on ACP is available from my office if you can't get it from your local ASC office, but try there first 'cause they know more about it.

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