

# Congress' hiring practices questioned

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congressmen accused in a newspaper report of racial discrimination in hiring denied the charge yesterday. Several said that if they found any of their staff members were discriminating, they'd fire them or take other disciplinary action.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, in a copyright story in its yesterday editions, said 19 U. S. Representatives and one U. S. Senator specified "whites only" or "no minorities" when requesting help from the Office of Placement and Office Management. The office is a clearing house for office workers looking for government jobs.

A high Justice Department official said Sunday the department "will not investigate these allegations under any criminal statute. No criminal statute deals with conduct of the kind alleged. As for civil proceedings, this would be a matter for the Civil Service Commission, not the Justice Department."

Government sources said Congress is not an "employer" under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and therefore is not subject to its antidiscrimination provisions.

The Star-Telegram, which obtained photostats of some of the requests for help, said some of the Congressmen not only rejected minority applicants, but also had other ideas about what potential staff members should or should not be.

Rep. Albert Johnson, R-Pa., specified: "no minorities," "no Democrats," and "no water signs," a reference to the signs of the Zodiac. But, the newspaper reported, his form request for a receptionist also said the applicant "doesn't have to be a looker."

Discussing the charge, Johnson said: I have never expressed myself on that point ever in my life...I haven't had any applications from minorities because I come from a district which is predominantly white. I have no minorities in my district.

Rep. James Delaney, D-N.Y., not only wanted a white typist — he wanted one who wouldn't wear pantsuits. Delaney was not immediately available for comment.

The Associated Press reached 15 of the 20 congressmen cited in the newspaper story. All denied the charges. In addition to Delaney, those not available for comment were Reps. Robert McEwen, R-N.Y.; Tom S. Gettys, D-S.C.; Robert Sikes, D-Fla.; and Bill Chappell, D-Fla.

Rep. Harold Froehlich, R-Wis., said he had no policy against hiring minority staffers. "Last summer we had two blacks on the payroll. This summer we have a girl of Chinese ancestry. If there is any policy of that nature in my office, it will be

stopped immediately."

Rep. Tennyson Guyer, R-Ohio, who allegedly said "prefer no minorities," had this response: "Absolutely incorrect. We have never hired anybody in that way. We hire people on the basis of whether or not they can do the job."

Guyer said that if he found anyone on his staff filled out a job request form in such a way, he would be fired immediately. Rep. Robert Leggett, D-Calif., said the newspaper story was "without foundation. It sickens me."

"The employment records in my Washington office will show that people of all races have been on my payroll, that I am presently attempting to recruit a qualified secretary and certainly we are interviewing people of all races."

Donald W. Ruby, an administrative aide to Sen. William Scott, R-Va., the only Senator on the Fort Worth Star-Telegram list, said: "We don't have any discriminatory practices. I go over to the personnel office. I tell them whether we want a girl or a man. I've told them time and time again, it doesn't matter on minorities or anything else."

Bill Phillips, administrative assistant to Rep. Wilmer Mizell, R-N.C., who allegedly specified "white" or "white only" on job forms, said of the charge: "You're kidding. We only hire on the basis of qualification. I have no idea of what kind of records they keep over in the hiring office, so I don't know what's on our requests, but we only look for qualifications."

Phillips said there were no nonwhite employees in Mizell's office at present. Asked if Mizell had ever hired a nonwhite for a legislative, administrative or clerical post, Phillips said no and added that none had ever applied.

Mary Bly, administrative assistant to Rep. William J. Randall, D-Mo., said she has been sent at least three black women by the employment office. "I interviewed one very recently and told her we had a conservative, rural district and that we would expect her to respond to constituent mail," Miss Bly said. "She said, 'Well, I'm sort of liberal so maybe I better reconsider my application.' And she ended the interview."

The Star-Telegram said that on July 16, Randall personally requested an administrative aide, specifying, "no minority."

Rep. John Young, D-Tex., said he had "absolutely no policy ... against hiring blacks or other minorities."

He said 35 per cent of the people in his district have Spanish surnames and there are three Mexican-Americans among the nine staff members in his Washington, D. C., office.

Mike Allen, an aide to Rep. Ray Roberts, D-Tex., said he had never even heard of the Office of Placement and Office

Management. He said a black was employed in Roberts' office "for long period of time," but added there were no blacks on the staff at present.

Loren Cox, an aide to Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., said he was contacted by the Star-Telegram and told that as of November, there was a job request form on file specifying "no blacks." "Something got balled up somewhere," Cox said. He said there presently is a black woman on Ullman's staff.

Alice Meyers, administrative assistant to Rep. James A. Haley, D-Fla., said, "We've never put restrictions on employment. We have a full-blooded Indian on our staff and one or more who are Jewish."

The Star-Telegram said a photostat of a job order specified: "only a white girl," and expressed a preference for Floridians.

Rep. Vernon W. Thomson, R-Wis., said the report that he asked for a "white Republican" clerk typist was "ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous," and added: "They must be smoking marijuana down in Texas." Asked if he had any minority group members on his staff, Thomson said, "Well, we've got Swedes and Norwegians and Irish."

Rep. Bill Nichols, D-Ala., said both blacks and whites were interviewed for his staff. "We've had blacks on our staff in the past and we would hire one again...It could be that my former administrative assistant made some sort of racial specification, but I don't know because he's no longer with us."

Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., who, on March 13, allegedly asked for a female clerk typist, specifying "no minorities," said he never made such a request and thought it was "highly unlikely" anyone on his staff did.

"I wish that the imbecile from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram who wrote that stupid story would drop by my office," he said. "The imbecile would see blacks, whites, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Republicans, Democrats and people whose political affiliations and religious convictions I haven't the slightest idea of."

Rep. Edward Boland, D-Mass., said the report that he sought a stenographer, through an assistant, specifying "no southern accents, white only," was "absolutely not true."

Boland said he didn't do much of the hiring for his office, "but I would never set such criteria and my administrative aide, who has been with me 27 years, would be the last guy in the world to set such criteria."

"Even if I felt that way — and I don't — I certainly wouldn't put it down like that on a job form. It's asinine. And I'm not that stupid."

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## Greek Cypriots fleeing Nicosia, Turks advance

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Turkish troops occupied the village of Pyroi, 10 miles south of Nicosia, yesterday and cut the main road between the Cypriot capital and the southern coastal town of Larnaca, the United Nations command said.

The Turks previously had cut the road between Nicosia and Limassol, and the only remaining route to the south appeared to be a dirt road over the mountains.

Earlier in the day, the Cyprus government protested to U.N. observers that Turkish troops had violated the cease-fire, but Turkey denied the charge.

In Nicosia, the Cyprus government radio denied reports of fresh Turkish troop movements to surround the city as panic-stricken Greek Cypriots began fleeing the capital for the second time in four days.

"The situation is under control," the radio declared.

Greek Cypriots earlier in the weekend had begun to filter back to the deserted capital after radio broadcasts appealed for everyone to return.

A U. N. spokesman in New York said the Turks occupied Pyroi Sunday morning, but that fighting at Dhenia, 7½ miles west of the Nicosia airport, continued into the afternoon.

AP correspondent Peter Arnett, who drove along two miles of the Larnaca road by way of Pyroi, reported seeing Turkish tanks and armored trucks moving southwest apparently towards Louroujina, a large Turkish Cypriot town four miles away.

Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit said last night in Ankara that Turkey would take "all necessary measures to ensure the safety of Turkish Cypriots" in areas not controlled by Turkish troops.

Turkish maps showed Turkish troops in control of that part of the island north of a 65-mile line from Lefka east to the southeastern tip of the island, encompassing more than a third of Cyprus.

The Cyprus Commerce Ministry estimated that 80 per cent of the island's resources were under Turkish control.

In Washington, Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger said the United States would re-examine its position in the Cyprus crisis in view of the "unexpected" Turkish military advances.



Ford close-up

PRESIDENT FORD relaxes with his pipe as he rides in his limousine Sunday. Throughout the weekend the President and his family continued their usual routine at their home in Virginia while preparing for a more hectic life in the White House. See photos, page 3.

AP wirephoto

## House leaders see end to impeachment

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Carl Albert and Republican Leader John J. Rhodes agreed yesterday that the House should not get involved in any more impeachment proceedings against Richard M. Nixon.

"As far as I am concerned, there will be no impeachment proceedings... Of that I am sure," Albert said on the ABC program "Issues and Answers."

"It would serve no useful purpose," he said. "The president is no longer president. He is no longer a civil official...subject to impeachment."

Rhodes, on NBC's "Meet the Press," said "I can't see anything to be gained by any further action" than for the Judiciary Committee to file its report this week.

Albert said he doesn't know whether he will recommend any action other than just filing the report, however.

"The report is there for posterity," Rhodes said. "There can be no doubt as to how the House of Representatives, or at least the Judiciary Committee, felt at that time and I don't believe that the best interests of the country would be served by any further proceedings."

Albert said he doesn't want Congress "to interfere" in whether Nixon should be prosecuted, "it is a matter before the courts, or might be before the courts."

Rhodes said he doesn't believe Nixon should be prosecuted because "our system of justice is intended to be flexible... Mr. Nixon has suffered enough as far as I am concerned."

"At this particular time in history the most important thing we can do is to heal the wounds caused by Watergate and to get on with the business and to prosecute Mr. Nixon at this time to me would be further division of the country and would not be beneficial," Rhodes said.

## President Ford takes a day off

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford went to church yesterday morning, spent the afternoon playing golf with congressional friends and then unexpectedly drove back to the White House to do "a little work."

He drove to the White House only a short time after several thousand pickets left. They had been protesting U.S. policy in the Cyprus crisis.

Ford had no comment on the protest, the first at the White House since he took office.

It was a generally relaxed day for the chief executive. He left his Alexandria, Va., home in early afternoon for a game of golf.

Joining him on the golf course were former Rep. and Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and Reps. Leslie C. Arends, R-Ill., and George Mahon, D-Tex.

The President said before the game that his golfing partners would serve as good advisers on a vice presidential nominee.

He and Mrs. Ford went to 10 a.m. services at the Episcopal Immanuel

Church-on-the-hill near their home.

For lunch Ford came home, where a delegation of neighbors came around for a farewell to the departing Fords. The family will move into the White House today.

Ford said Saturday that former New

York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller remains in the running for vice president.

The statement relayed by White House Press Secretary Jerald F. terHorst came after speculation that Rockefeller had little chance of getting the nomination.

terHorst said Philip Buchen, a Ford friend and adviser, was contacted Aug. 11 by a man who identified himself as "Mr. Long" and said he had information on the whereabouts and contents of papers of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

## Explosion demolishes LA area

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An industrial area looked like a war zone yesterday after a giant explosion apparently started by chemicals tore apart one building and set three others on fire.

The explosion Saturday night sent up a mushroom-shaped fireball as big as a 10-story building and visible for 40 miles.

It ripped apart a warehouse owned by the Interamerican Star Trucking and Warehouse Corp. The blast caused an estimated \$5 million in damages and injured four persons.

Authorities said there was no apparent

link between the explosion and the so-called "alphabet bomber," the man who claimed responsibility for the fatal bombing last month at the city's airport and the placing of another bomb in a bus terminal.

Shock waves rocked most of the city Saturday night. Windows for blocks were broken. Street lights were demolished. A 10-foot crater was carved by the blast. Twisted steel, broken glass and hundreds of women's shoes — apparently stored in the warehouse — littered the streets.

A garage, coffee shop and another warehouse were moderately damaged by fire.

### Weather

Today partly cloudy with a chance of showers, high in the upper 70s to low 80s. Tonight fair, low in the mid-50s to low 60s. Tomorrow warm and sunny, high in the low to mid-80s.

### Last issue

This is the last issue of The Daily Collegian for Summer Term. The Collegian will publish its annual Orientation issue Sept. 4 and its Fall Registration issue Sept. 6. Regular daily publication will resume Sept. 9.