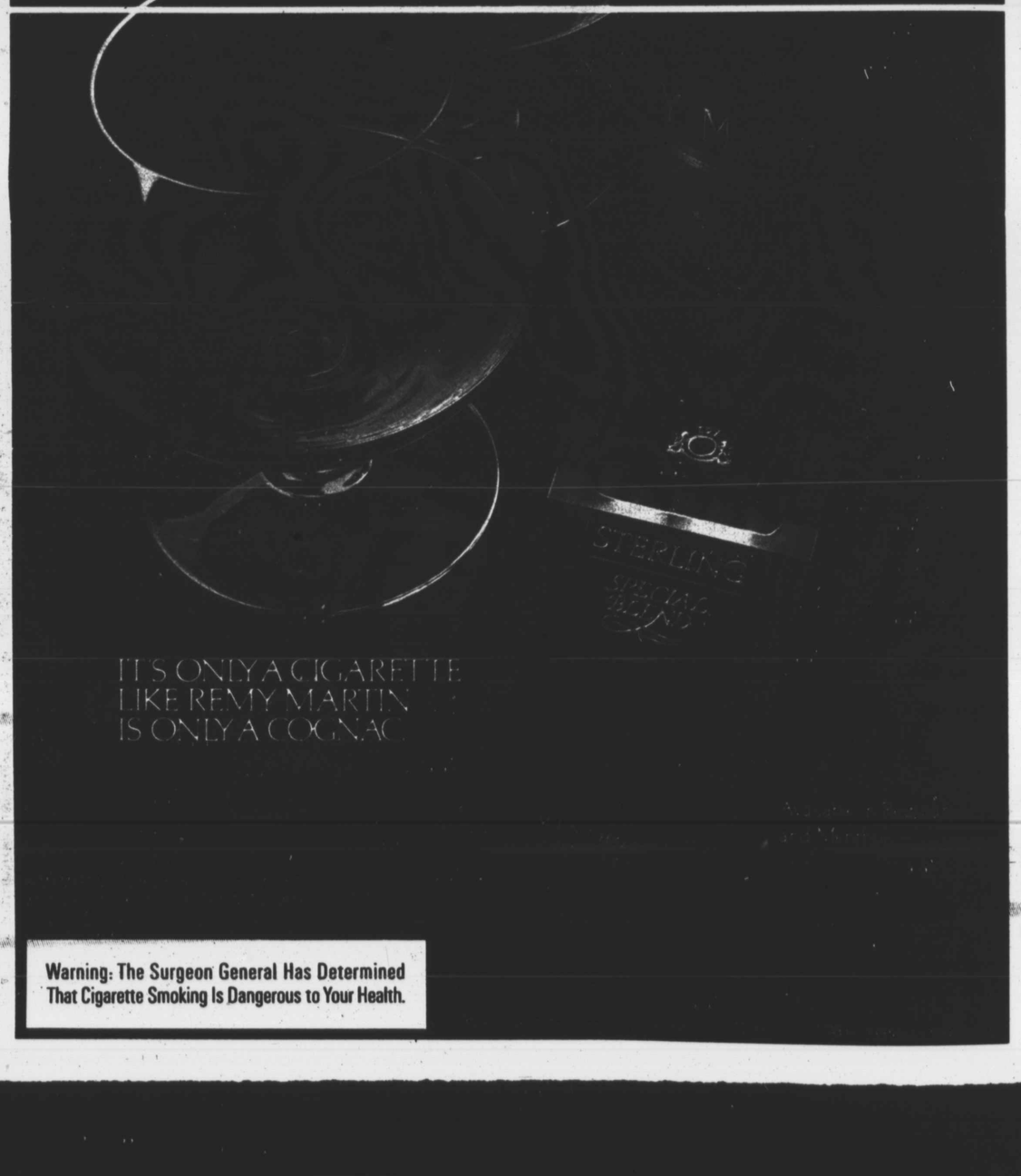
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Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

WASHINGTON — The National Center on Black Aged and the National Urban League were among the two predominantly black groups who received a small part of the $317.3 million in Department of Labor grants allocated to eight national organizations and state governments. The funds are being provided July 1984 through June, 1985, to support 62,000 part-time community service jobs for low income workers under the new Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

The National Center here received $7.8 million and the NUL, headquartered in New York City, was granted $9.5 million, but the Green Thumb, Inc., an arm of the National Farmers Union got the largest amount, $87.8 million. The National Council of Senior Citizens received $51.7 million and the National Council on the Aging, was awarded $31.2 million.

The remaining funds—$59.4 million—will support 11,622 jobs which have been provided for all the states, the District of Columbia the Virgin Islands, Guam, Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Republican social service programs...Check with official on your share, Seniors.

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You should be interested in knowing that nearly $47 million in newly established Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds were allocated to 194 Indian and Native American tribes and groups for nine months of job and training programs, Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan has announced. The JTPA is the Grand Old Party (GOP) version of the Democrat's Concentrated Employment Training Program, which this reporter helped organize under President Lyndon Johnson administration.

Nearly two million dollars each of the funds go to the California Indian Manpower Consortium based in Sacramento, and to Alu Like, Inc., in Honolulu. Other grants went to the Lumbee Association of Pembroke, N.C., and the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma and California. The Kickapoo Tribes of Oklahoma received the smallest allocation of $9,383.

The Institute for American Business (IAB) has named Cleveland O. Thomas as its new president, succeeding Constance B. Newman, former assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Thomas, a financial manager and management consultant, was former vice-president of AMEX, International, Inc., a private group established to assist small and medium size businesses obtain venture capital.

The Institute (IAB) is a national non-profit corporation serving as "resource developers in obtaining non-traditional business opportunities and creative financing and matching them with talented minority business people." Chairman Abraham Venable, executive director of Urban Affairs for the General Motors Corporation, is one of the organizers. Contact them at 805 15th St., NW, Suite 524, Southern Building, Washington, D.C., 20005, (202)-371-1400 for additional information.

Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret M. Heckler has urged both Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton to accelerate state and municipal support for Meharry Medical College. Heckler emphasized the importance of the city continuing its initiatives to affiliate


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Meharry with Nashville General Hospital.

Special federal support has been provided the institution under President Reagan's executive order to aid historically black colleges and universities. In 1983, at the President's direction, the federal treasury paid off the outstanding $29 million mortgage on Meharry's Hubbard Hospital. This year, HHS will grant the college approximately $10 million, including four million dollars under a special five-year Advanced Financial Distress Program, the secretary announced.

Now, we are still awaiting announcements regarding municipal, state and federal assistance to beleagured Fisk University in Nashville which is threatened with closure because of financial problems despite private assistance organized by alumni, black colleges and black churches.

Dr. Joan Wallace, Department of Agriculture's International Cooperation and Development administrator, attended the recent United Nations World Food Council in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, earlier this summer. This year, Ofc. Wallace, has already represented the Department of Agriculture in New Delhi, as a member of the U.S.-India Commission on Agriculture; in Abidjan, Ivory Coast at the African Development Bank conference and in Pakistan where she reviewed Research and Technical Assistance projects under the jurisdiction of her office.

Wallace, the wife of Rev. Maurice Dawkins, also heads the U.S.D.A. Caribbean Basin initiative in Agricultural Development. Dawkins is an administrator for the Opportunities Industrialization Centers, headed by Rev. Leon Sullivan.

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BEHIND THE PRESS

The new director of communications for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Lawrence Wade, is complaining about the medi a's treatment of the agency, "especially from the black oriented newspaprers." Wade says "The Commission's opposition to the use of race and sex based quotas in employment and its plans to study employment discrimination against Americans of Eastern and Southern European ancestry has caused some writers to refer to it as the 'Uncivil Rights Commission.' That label, frankly, isn't fair."

Well, explain to us, Mr. Wade, why the commission, by its own admission, is opposed to affirmative action plans similar to those ruled illegal by the U.S. Supreme Court at the request of the Department of Justice. It is apparent that the executive and judicial branch of our government is adopting the Reagan administration policy of opposing Federal enforcement of civil rights, in contrast to the legislative program of Congress, the elected representatives of the people, almost. Indeed Clarence Thomas, Civil Rights Commission chairman, even upbraided the President for meeting with an all black group in the White House because it violated his concept of a "color blind" society, which Thomas apparently thinks we have attained a little more than 100 years after slavery and 20 years after partial enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964...Who is he kidding ... himself?

Which reminds us, veteran civil rights attorney Joseph L. Rauh Jr., received the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The LCCR, a coalition of 100 black, labor and religious groups, including protestants, Catholics and Jews, is studying the high court's affirmative action decision to determine its impact. The coalition has approved "race specific" legislation to correct past civil

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