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NEWSLETTER

The Southern Regional Demographic Group is sponsored by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities

1976 Annual Meeting

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Demographic Group will be held at the Braniff Place Hotel, New Orleans. Registration opens Wednesday, October 27, at 5:00 p.m. The closing session ends on Friday at 5:00 p.m.

An excellent program has been organized by Robert H. Weller of Florida State University. The program features two bicentennial sessions on the demography of the South, looking back to 1776 and ahead to 2076. Other sessions focus on human ecology; graduate education in demography; economic and demographic change in the South; health planning; ethnic demography; fertility, mortality, and migration; mobility, and on population estimates and projections. The final program appears in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

More than 150 persons are expected to participate in this year's program. Many others are expected to attend, attracted by both the program as well as the charm of the city of New Orleans, according to Carl L. Harter of Tulane University, who has handled local arrangements for the 1976 Annual Meeting.

Hotel Reservation for SRDG Annual Meeting

Rooms for SRDG members have been guaranteed by the director of sales at the Braniff Place Hotel. Rates are \$29.00 plus tax per night for singles, and \$33.00 for

doubles or twins. Send the attached card (or a copy) directly to the Braniff Place. Do so soon, since the hotel has set aside only a limited number of rooms for SRDG.

By-Laws Revision Approved

The SRDG membership has voted to accept the revised set of By-Laws for the Association. Results of the balloting were reported to the By-Laws Revision Committee by the SRDG Secretary Harry M. Rosenberg. The vote was 232 members in favor of revision and 9 against—respectively, 96.3 and 3.7 percent of those voting. Over half the eligible membership voted in favor of the revision.

Among the key revisions are the following:

—SRDG continues its affiliation with and sponsorship by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), but has become organizationally disaffiliated from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). SRDG will continue to carry ORNL news, as it carries news of other demographic research and training organizations in the South.

—SRDG membership extends fully to individuals and associations outside the Southern region.

—Effective with the next annual meeting, the Executive Committee appoints the SRDG Secretary-Treasurer.

—Election of the Executive Committee will be by mail ballot.

SRDG Chairperson Dudley L. Poston, Jr., of the University of Texas at Austin, has

declared that the revised By-Laws of the Association are now in effect and has so notified ORAU Executive Director Philip L. Johnson. Poston expressed his appreciation to the By-Laws Revision Committee comprised of George C. Myers of Duke University (Chairperson), William J. Serow of the University of Virginia, and David F. Sly of Florida State University. Poston also thanks the full membership of SRDG for the excellent response to the balloting.

NEWS ITEMS

Demographic Centers in the South— University of Virginia

This is the fourth in a series of featured reports on demographic training and research centers in the South. Previous issues of the *Newsletter* described centers at Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, and Florida State University.

The Population Studies Center at the University of Virginia is situated within the Tayloe Murphy Institute (TMI), which was established to assist business, education, and government in Virginia by serving as a research and information center to the state. The other two centers within TMI are Business Studies and Economic Studies.

In addition to responding to numerous requests for demographic and socioeconomic information, the Population Studies Center is the State of Virginia's representative in the U.S. Census Bureau's Federal-State Cooperative Program for Local Population Estimates. Research activities at the Center have included preparing reports and monographs on Virginia's population, studies of migration and mobility in the South, models of urban growth, and examining the consequences of stationary population.

The Population Studies Center provides research experience to graduate assistants

from the departments of sociology and other social science departments. The staff of the Center consists of William J. Serow, Director (economist) and Julia H. Martin (sociologist).

Further information is available by writing to the Population Studies Center, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia, P.O. Box 3430, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

Status of Mid-Decade Census

As of the beginning of August, hearings had taken place in the Senate Subcommittee on Census and Statistics with respect to the differing versions of the Mid-Decade Census Bill. The House version (H.R. 11337) as reported in an earlier issue of the *Newsletter* includes an amendment that eliminates fines for those refusing to answer census questions. This has the effect of making all censuses—including the decennial censuses—voluntary rather than mandatory as they are at present. The Senate version (S. 36988) does not include that provision. Among those testifying on the Mid-Decade Census legislation were Vincent P. Barabba, Director of the Census Bureau, and Fernando Oaxaca, Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Both spoke in support of a Mid-Decade Census.

An Invitation to Membership

The Southern Regional Demographic Group (SRDG) is an organization of university faculty and other specialists in demography and related fields. It was organized in 1970 under the auspices of Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). Members of SRDG are interested in promoting demographic research and training. To be a voting member, one must reside in the Southern region, which is defined as states or territories with at least one ORAU sponsoring institution. Associate membership is available for those outside the region. Applica-

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A second report provides counts of professional persons actively employed in the nine health occupations within the nation's counties and metropolitan areas. The health professionals are dentists, occupational therapists, optometrists, pharmacists, physicians, podiatrists, registered nurses, and veterinarians. The period for which these data are applicable ranges from 1972 through 1975 depending on the occupation reported. The report, entitled *Health Manpower, A County and Metropolitan Area Data Book 1972-75*, is available from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Births, Marriages, Divorces, Deaths

Monthly reports on births, marriages, divorces, and deaths are published by the National Center for Health Statistics in the *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*. Data are published for individual states. To receive the report, contact the agency by calling 301-443-NCHS.

Mortality

The National Center for Health Statistics has issued a report comparing causes of death in the United States based on the most recent revision of the Internal Classification of Diseases (ICD). Periodic revisions in the ICD, since 1900, have produced discontinuities in cause-of-death statistics over time. The present report documents the extent of these discontinuities associated with the most recent revision. The report, prepared by Joan A. Klebba, is entitled *Comparability of Mortality Statistics for the Seventh and Eighth Revisions of the International Classification of Diseases, United States, October 1975*. (VHS).

Southern Growth and Prosperity

Southern Living has issued a brief report on the South written by Ben Wattenberg, author of *The Real America* (1974). While this brochure is characterized by a promotional style, it effectively presents some of the more important economic and demographic statistics for the region, setting them in the larger national context. Copies of the report are available from *Southern Living*, Promotion Department, Box 523, Birmingham, Alabama 35201.

Demographic Reports from Louisiana, 1970-1975

This is the third report on state-sponsored demographic publications based on a recent SRDG survey. Previous issues of the *Newsletter* have covered publications for Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, and Kentucky; and subsequent issues will cover other states in the Southern region.

- Migration in Louisiana, 1960-1970*
- Population Projections to 1980 and 1990: Louisiana and Its Parishes*

Copies of these reports are available from Barbara Denton, Division of Business and Economic Research, College of Business, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana 71270.

Demographic Reports from Maryland, 1970-1975

- Maryland Population, 1930-1970*
- Maryland Population Projections Series: Population and Employment 1975-1990*

Copies of these reports are available from Arthur Benjamin, State Planning Research, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Demographic Reports from Mississippi, 1970-1975

- Changes in the Quality of Life in Mississippi, 1960-1970*
- Mississippi Population by County, Age, Sex, and Color, 1960, 1970 and Projections to 1980*
- Some Aspects of Population Dynamics in Mississippi*
- Mississippi's Farming and Nonfarming Population: A Comparison of Characteristics and Trends, 1950-1970*
- Population Growth and Redistribution in Mississippi, 1900-1970*
- Changes in the Occupational Structures of County Employment in Mississippi, 1950-1960*

Copies of these reports are available from Ellen Bryant, Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University, Post Office Drawer C, State College, Mississippi 39762.

PUBLICATIONS KEY

(VHS) *Vital and Health Statistics* is available from the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

(CPR) *Current Population Reports* available from the Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, as well as from the GPO.

(GPO) Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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Demographic Research in the South

QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to have information on demographic research in which you and your colleagues are involved. This information will be carried in future issues of the *Newsletter* as part of SRDG's goal to provide a communications vehicle for exchanging demographic information about the South.

Please describe the research using the following format:

Key Topics, e.g. fertility, migration, spatial distribution, education

Area Focus, e.g. national, the South, specific state, county, sub-county

Title

Author or Principal Investigator

Institution. Provide detailed address.

Sources of Support

Study Period. Specify beginning and ending dates of project, or publication date of report.

Brief Description. Specific objectives of study, major analytic techniques, specific data sources.

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