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—THE SOUTH IN THE NEWS—

POVERTY RATE DECLINES IN THE SOUTH FROM 1969 TO 1975

According to recently released information from the Survey of Income and Education, the estimated number and proportion of families living below the poverty level between 1969 and 1975 has changed significantly. At the national level, the absolute number of poor families declined by 7.5 percent; in the South, the decline was nearly twice as large (14.7 percent). The South's share of all poor families fell from 47.3 to 43.6 percent, while the proportion of all American families residing in the region rose from 31.1 to 32.5 percent. Nationally, the poverty rate declined from 10.7 percent of all families in 1969 to 9.0 percent in 1975. In the South, the rate declined from 16.2 to 12.1 percent. (Source: *Data User News*, June 1977)

SOUTHEASTERN LIVING COSTS ARE LOW, BUT INCREASING

The cost of living in southeastern cities has been and remains low compared with the majority of urban areas in other sections of the U.S. Atlanta, Nashville, Baton Rouge, and Orlando ranked in the bottom quarter of 44 areas included in the intermediate level family budget survey of 1970 and 1975, despite greater than average cost increases in Atlanta and Nashville. On the whole, the cumulative result of differences in living expenses in the four

southeastern cities ranged from 7.5 percent to 10.7 percent below the national average. Overall, though, price increases in urban areas in the South tended to be high, relative to the national average, more frequently than was the case in other regions. (Source: "Cost-of-Living Comparisons: Oasis or Mirage?" *Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Economic Review*, July—August 1977.)

PERSONAL INCOME IN SOUTH UP IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1977

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, personal income increased in all states and the District of Columbia from the first quarter of 1976 to the first quarter of 1977. At the national level, estimated personal income rose at a rate of 9.7 percent during this period. The rate of increase in both the South-

east and Southwest regions exceeded the national rate—10.1 percent for the Southeast and 9.9 percent for the Southwest. Personal income over the year grew at the greatest rates in the Far West and Rocky Mountain regions while lagging in the Mideast and New England regions. Within the South, North Carolina (11.7-percent rate of increase) led the region followed closely by Mississippi and Kentucky (11.4 percent each). (Source: *U.S. Department of Commerce News*, BEA 77-58, August 5, 1977.)

TWO NEW SOUTHERN SMSA's DESIGNATED

On June 13, the director of OMB announced the designation of five new standard metropolitan statistical areas, bringing the national total to 281. Two of these areas are located in Florida: Bradenton SMSA (Manatee County) and Panama City SMSA (Bay County).

1977 SRDG MEETING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

The final program for the 1977 annual meeting of SRDG, scheduled for October 19-21, at Virginia Beach, Virginia, has been released by program chairman William J. Serow. All members interested in attending who have not already made reservations should contact the Holiday Inn Ocean Front (P.O. Box 906, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; (804) 428-1711). Singles are \$15 per night and doubles are \$18 per night; these rates also apply for the day before (Tuesday) and the day after (Friday) the annual meeting. The Norfolk Regional Airport serves Virginia Beach with direct flights from many points in the South, including Atlanta and Washington. Limousine service to the motel costs \$6. Local arrangements are being handled by Dr. Leon F. Bouvier, Bureau of the Census, and Dr. Jeanne C. Biggar, University of Virginia.

**FINAL PROGRAM/1977 ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP
Virginia Beach, Virginia October 19–21**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Registration and cash bar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Registration

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20/ 9:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M.

**Session 1. Societal Implications of Sustained Low
Fertility in the United States (Room 2)***

Chair: **Thomas J. Espenshade**, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University
Demographic Trends and Prospects in the United States, **Signe Wetrogan**, Population Projections
Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census
Economic Implications, **William J. Serow**, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia
Political Implications, **Michael E. Kraft**, University of Wisconsin—Green Bay
Social Implications, **Thomas R. Ford**, University of Kentucky
Federal Support for Research on Societal Implications of Sustained Low Fertility, **V. Jeffery Evans**,
Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**Session 2. Theory and Methodology:
Contributed Papers (Room 3)**

Chair: **Harry M. Rosenberg**, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina
On the Derivation of a Two-Sex Stable Population Model, **S. Mitra**, Department of Sociology and
Anthropology, Emory University
Using the Method of Structural Effects in Demographic Analysis, **James M. Brockway**, Urban Studies
Center, University of Louisville
*A Demographic Model for Assessing the Socioeconomic Impacts of Large-Scale Industrial Development
Projects: The Case of Nuclear Energy Facilities*, **Michael Micklin**, **Michael T. Mertaugh**, and
Christopher Cluett, Battelle Human Affairs Research Center
*A Technique for Producing County Population Disaggregations by Age, Race and Sex, Based on Current
County Population Estimates*, **Michael A. Spar**, Urban Studies Center, University of Louisville
A Logit Model Analysis of Expected Completed Family Size, **Louis G. Pol**, **Edward A. Schafer**, and
Robert H. Weller, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University
A Procedure for Projecting the Number of Live Births Annually, **Clyde A. Bridger**, Illinois Department of
Public Health

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 10:45 A.M.-12:00 NOON

Session 3. New Frontiers of Migration Research (Room 2)

Chair: **Larry H. Long**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census
Use of Econometric Models of Migration in Sub-National Population Projections, **John F. Long**, Population
Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census
The Inadequacies of Current Models of Migration for Sub-National Population Projections, **Ole Gade**,
Department of Geography, Appalachian State University, and **D. Gordon Bennett**, Department of
Geography, University of North Carolina—Greensboro

Session 4. Economic Aspects: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Michael G. Finn**, Manpower Development Division, Oak Ridge Associated Universities
The Labor Force Participation of Married Women: A Time Series View, **Curtis L. Gilroy**, Women's Bureau,
U.S. Department of Labor, and **Nancy F. Ryтина**, Housing Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census
Housewives: An Examination of Nonparticipation of Women in the Labor Force, **B. Krishna Singh**,
Institute of Behavioral Research, Texas Christian University, **Peter J. Leahy**, Department of
Sociology, Texas Christian University, and **J. Sherwood Williams**, Department of Sociology, Virginia
Commonwealth University

*—Room designation refers to Conference Center, Holiday Inn Ocean Beach

Estimating the Effects of Military Service upon Civilian Earnings of Black and Brown Men, **Melanie Martindale-Sikes** and **Dudley L. Poston, Jr.**, Population Research Center, University of Texas
Economic Aspects of Enrollment Trends, **Robert P. Hagemann**, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and **Thomas J. Espenshade**, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University
Rural Manpower Resources and the Migration Turnaround, **J. H. Rieger** and **Thomas J. Keil**, Department of Sociology, University of Louisville
Economic Factors and Paraguayan Emigration to Argentina, **Fran Gillespie**, St. Joseph's College

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 12:00 NOON—1:00 P.M.

Lunch

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 1:15 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

Session 5. Current Developments in Mortality Research (Room 2)

Chair: **Eui Hang Shin**, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of South Carolina
A New Perspective on the Mortality Crossover Effect, **Charles B. Nam** and **Kathleen A. Ockay**, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University
Reducing Mortality: Issues, Constraints and Opportunities, **Kenneth G. Manton** and **George C. Myers**, Center for Demographic Studies, Duke University
An Interdisciplinary Program of Occupational Disease Research, **Carl E. Ortmeyer**, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Prenatal Mortality: Differences, Concepts, and Problems, **Robert J. Armstrong**, National Center for Health Statistics

Session 6. Aspects of Southern Demography: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Clifford H. Patrick**, Health and Safety Research Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Employment Opportunities in Southern States, **Joachim Singlemann**, Vanderbilt University
Cross-Regional Migration of Employed Males Between the South and the Non-South by Occupation and Race, **G. Nanjundappa**, Department of Sociology, California State University—Fullerton
The Relationship of Migration and Economic Change at the State Level: Migration in the Southern U.S., **Peter O. Way**, Chicago, Illinois
Industrial and Occupational Diversity as Determinants of Volume of Intermetropolitan Migration to Southern SMSAs, **Jeanne C. Biggar** and **Francis C. Biasioli**, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia
The Revival of Population Growth in Nonmetropolitan America: The Exception of Louisiana, **Lisandro Perez** and **Maisy L. Cheng**, Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, Louisiana State University

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 2:45—3:45 P.M.

Session 7. Open Forum on Problems, Developments, and Innovations in the Teaching of Population at the Undergraduate Level (Room 2)

Chair: **Edward E. Cahill**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Tennessee—Chattanooga

Session 8. The Demography of Developing Nations: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Leroy Davis**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Southern University, *A Reevaluation of the Societal Scale Concept: City Size and Residential Differentiation in Trinidad*, **Dennis Conway** and **Judith Ann Jacks**, Department of Geography, Indiana University
The Effect of Child Mortality on the Quantity and Quality of Children in Guatemala, **Kathryn H. Anderson**, North Carolina State University
Educational Opportunity and Equality in Malaysia: The Effects of Ethnicity, Sex and Region upon Educational Attainment, **Charles Hirschman**, Department of Sociology, Duke University
Moderate Fertility in Village Haiti, **Kwan-Hwa Chen**, Alexandria, Virginia
Contraceptive Prevalence and Demographic Trends in Paraguay, **Leo Morris**, Family Planning Evaluation Division, Center for Disease Control

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20/ 4:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

**Session 9. The Current Controversy over the Interpretation
of Demographic Data (Room 2)**

Chair: **Leon F. Bouvier**, International Statistical Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Panelists:

Samuel Baum, International Statistical Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census

James W. Brackett, Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of State

Kenneth R. Bryson, International Statistical Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Kirsten Nyrop, Office of Technology and Management

Session 10. Applications of Demographic Data: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Carolee Bush**, Decennial Census Staff, U.S. Bureau of the Census

The Use of Small-area Secondary-source Data in a Primary Care Resource Development Decision Process,
Edward M. Bosanac, Office of Health Services Research, West Virginia University

The Automatic Detection of Racial Gerrymanders in Legislative Reapportionment Plans, **Keith R.
Billingsley**, Political Data Analysis Center, University of Georgia

An Educational Expectancy Measure for the United States by Color and Sex, **Abbott L. Ferriss**, Department
of Sociology and Anthropology, Emory University

The Virginia Housing Data Bank, **J. Thomas Lindley**, Virginia Revenue Resources and Economic Commission,
Millard Stith, Virginia Office of Housing, and **Merry K. Shernock**, Tayloe Murphy Institute,
University of Virginia

A Longitudinal Demographic Information System: MHDPS, **J. Philip Shambaugh**, **David J. Jackson**,
Harold F. Goldsmith, and **Beatrice M. Rosen**, Mental Health Study Center, National Institute of
Mental Health

Population Density, Social Problems, and Heterogeneity, **Howard Savage**, Housing Division, U.S. Bureau of
the Census

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 / 7:30 P.M.—9:30 P.M.

Cash bar social hour

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 9:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M.

**Session 11. Data Needs for Formulating Fertility Policy
in the United States (Room 2)**

Chair: **Robert H. Weller**, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University

Panelists:

Leon F. Bouvier, International Statistical Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Arthur A. Campbell, Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human
Development

John Patterson, Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics

Mary Powers, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University

Session 12. Migration, Mobility and Commuting: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Julia H. Martin**, Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia

Chronic Movers: Who? Where? Why?, **John L. Goodman, Jr.**, The Urban Institute

Internal Spatial Mobility as a Legal Right, **Tommy W. Rogers**, Jackson, Mississippi

Welfare Returns to Migrants, **Dennis S. Ippolito**, **Martin L. Levin**, and **William W. Pendleton**, Department
of Sociology and Anthropology, Emory University

Comparison of Migration Measures for Different Length Intervals, **John F. Long** and **Celia G. Boertlein**,
Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Black In-migration, White Flight, and the Changing Economic Base of the Central City, **William H. Frey**,
Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin

Commuting Criteria for Identifying Central Cities, **Richard L. Forstall**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of
the Census

U.S. Commuting Patterns: The Nature of Flows and Selected Characteristics of Commuters, **Philip N.
Fulton**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 10:45 A.M.—12:00 NOON

Annual SRDG Business Meeting (Rooms 2 and 3)

Presiding: **Dudley L. Poston, Jr.**, Population Research Center, University of Texas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 12:00 NOON—1:00 P.M. **Lunch**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 1:15 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

Session 13. Demography, Energy and Society (Room 2)

Chair: **Dudley L. Poston, Jr.**, Population Research Center, University of Texas

Population: The Driving Force in Estimating Energy Demand, **Edward L. Allen**, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Washington, D.C.

Discussion: **Dudley L. Poston, Jr.**, Population Research Center, University of Texas

Philip L. Johnson, Oak Ridge Associated Universities

Clifford H. Patrick, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Harry M. Rosenberg, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina

Session 14. Race, Marriage and the Family: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Thomas L. van Valey**, Center for Sociological Research, Western Michigan University

Demographic Components of Growth in White, Black, and Puerto Rican Female Headed Families by Stage of Life Cycle, **Rosemary Santana Cooney**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University

Characteristics Distinguishing Remarried Divorcees from the Currently Separated and Divorced: A Comparative Analysis of Anglos, Blacks, and Mexican Americans, **Frank D. Bean**, **Isaac W. Eberstein**, and **W. Parker Frisbie**, Population Research Center, University of Texas

A Comparative Study of the Current Alternative Definitions of the Mexican American Population in the Southwestern United States, **Vonda L. Kiplinger**, Population Research Center, University of Texas

Racial Differences in Realizing Family Size Goals, **Frank B. Hobbs** and **Robert H. Weller**, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University

Family Size Preference among Teenagers in Rural Oklahoma, **Harold L. Cleveland** and **Katherine B. Sohler**, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Black-White Differences in the Relations between Urban Crowding and Human Behavior, **Omer R. Galle**, Population Research Center, University of Texas, **Douglas L. Carnahan**, and **Walter R. Gove**, Vanderbilt University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 2:45 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Session 15. New and Expanded Federal Data Resources (Room 2)

Chair: **Richard A. Engels**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

The Survey of Income and Education: An Update of Social and Economic Data for States, **Arthur J. Norton**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

The Current Work History Sample Revisited: Problems and Prospects, **Vernon Renshaw**, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

State-Level Occupational Information, **Dixie Sommers**, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Applications of Public Use Sample Data from the National Survey of Family Growth, **Gerry Hendershot**, National Center for Health Statistics

Some New Aspects of the Birth Expectations Survey, **Maurice J. Moore**, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Session 16. Fertility: Contributed Papers (Room 3)

Chair: **Ronald R. Rindfuss**, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina

Residential Religious Homogeneity and Fertility Patterns of American Catholics, 1965, **Frank D. Bean** and **Lisa Neidert**, Population Research Center, University of Texas, and **John P. Marcum**, Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University—Carbondale

Reference Groups, Social Mobility and Differential Fertility, **Alden E. Roberts** and **James H. Gundlach**, Department of Sociology, Auburn University

Farm Background and Fertility: A Re-examination, **Nancy J. McGirr**, Center for Demographic Studies, Duke University

The Impact of Labor Market Conditions on Fertility, **K. Ann Stebbins**, Department of Social Science, Eastern Kentucky University

Recent Trends in Migration and Fertility in the United States, **Carl Haub**, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census

RICHMOND AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN 1978 DRESS REHEARSAL

The Bureau of the Census has announced that a dress rehearsal census will be conducted in Richmond, Virginia, as well as the adjacent counties of Chesterfield and Henrico. These enumerations will be conducted in April 1978. The Richmond area will be counted under the mail-back system, which will be used for most of the country during the 1980 decennial census. Additionally, La Plata and Montezuma Counties, Colorado, will be covered by a door-by-door technique that will be used in 1980 only for very sparsely settled areas. A third dress rehearsal will be held in the lower portion of Manhattan, an area noted for its many racial and ethnic enclaves. The dress rehearsal program is designed to utilize the planned final materials and procedures to simulate the conditions of the 1980 census. This differs from the test census program used to evaluate alternative materials and procedures.

—NEWS ITEMS—

CENSUS BUREAU PUBLISHES GUIDE FOR LOCAL AREA PROJECTIONS

A guide for projecting population size and characteristics of metropolitan areas, counties, and other local areas has recently been published by the Bureau of the Census. The guide provides a step-by-step description of one of the better known projection techniques—the cohort-component method—and a general discussion of alternative projection methodologies. Although the guide is designed for persons without specialized training in demography and statistics, it will be a useful addition to most professional libraries. Copies of the publication, "Guide for Local Area Population Projections" (Technical Paper No. 39) are available for \$2.30 from GPO and Commerce Department District Offices. The report was written by SRDG member Richard Irwin of the Bureau's Estimates Research Unit.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (GPO)

Series P-20: Population Characteristics

Population Profile of the United States: 1976, No. 387, \$1.05

Fertility of American Women: June 1976, No. 308, \$1.75

School Enrollment-Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1976, (Advance Report), No. 309, \$0.35

Persons of Spanish Origin in the United States: March 1976, No. 310, \$1.55

Series P-25: Population Estimates and Projections

Gross Migration by County: 1965–1970, No. 701, \$3.15

(In-, out-, and net migration by age, race, and sex)

Projections of the Population of the United States: 1977 to 2050, No. 704, \$1.95

Also available in this series are the 1975 estimates of population and the 1974 estimates of per capita income for each county, city, and other locality eligible for receipt of revenue sharing funds. One report has been issued for each state [P-25, No. 649 (Alabama) to P-25, No. 698 (Wyoming)] with a national summary and detailed methodology forthcoming.

Series P-60: Consumer Income

Household Money Income in 1975 and Selected Social and Economic Characteristics of Households, No. 104, \$2.00

Money Income in 1975 of Families and Persons in the United States, No. 105, \$4.60

Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level: 1975, No. 106, \$4.05

Series H-150: Annual Housing Survey, 1975

Reports from the Annual Housing Survey for 1975 are becoming available. The survey, which is sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is conducted by the Census Bureau, provides a large amount of data on occupancy utilization and characteristics of the nation's housing stock for the four regions of the country. The 1975 reports (H-150-75) will be issued in six parts, three of which are now available:

Part A: *General Housing Characteristics, United States and Regions: 1975*, \$4.00

Part B: *Indicators of Housing and Neighborhood Quality for the United States and Regions: 1975*, \$2.50

Part E: *Urban and Rural Housing Characteristics for the United States and Regions: 1975*, \$3.75

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS (VHS)

Current Listing and Topical Index to the Vital and Health Statistics Series

Series 4: Documents and Committee Reports

The Cooperative Health Statistics System: Its Mission and Program, No. 19

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (GPO)

Regional Work Force Characteristics and Migration Data: A Handbook on the Social Security Continuous Work History Sample and its Application, Stock No. 003-010-00055-4, \$5.10

HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Catalog of Publications, Health Resources Administration, HRA 77-615, single copy available at no charge from Health Resources Administration, Office of Communications, Room 10A-31, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857

The Impact of Comprehensive National Health Insurance on Demand for Health Manpower, HRA 77-102, single copy available at no charge from Bureau of Health Manpower, HRA, Center Building, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

C. HORACE HAMILTON DIES

The membership of the SRDG expresses condolences to the family of Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, noted demographer and former president of the professor of the Population Association of America (1960-61). At the time of his death, Hamilton was emeritus professor of sociology at North Carolina State University. Hamilton's career was so illustrious that details need not be re-

counted here. His work in the methodological aspects of migration analysis and of population estimation and projection remain cornerstones in the field. Hamilton's longstanding interest in the demography of the South and particularly North Carolina was culminated in his three-volume study, *North Carolina Population Trends, A Demographic Sourcebook* (Carolina Population Center).

Short Courses Offered in Health Statistics Training and in Census Data Use

Short courses in health statistics and in census data use have been announced for the period October-December by the National Center for Health Statistics and by the Bureau of the Census.

Most of the NCHS courses are tuition free. Students provide their own transportation, housing, and living expenses. Ad-

ditional information is available from the Applied Statistics Training Institute, National Center for Health Statistics, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 2-63, Hyattsville, Md. 20782, (301) 436-7047.

Census user training activities are arranged through the User Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, (301) 763-5293.

Course dates, titles, sponsoring agency, and location are listed below:

OCTOBER

3-7	Census	Course on Methods of Making Population Projections	Washington, D.C.
3-7	NCHS	Statistics for Health Planning	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
11-14	NCHS	Introduction to Computer Terminal Use	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
11-14	NCHS	Tabular and Graphic Presentation of Data	San Francisco, California
17-19	Census	Regional Workshop for Librarians on Economic Statistics Available From the Census Bureau	Boston, Massachusetts
17-21	NCHS	Statistical Methods in Health Services Delivery and Administration	Kansas City, Missouri
17-21	NCHS	Technical Writing	Nashville, Tennessee
24-28	NCHS	Techniques for Evaluating Health Programs	Portland, Oregon
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	NCHS	Advanced Cause-of-Death Classification	San Francisco, California
Oct. 31-Nov. 11	NCHS	Basic Cause-of-Death Classification	San Francisco, California

NOVEMBER

14-17	Census	Seminar for Librarians on Accessing Federal Statistical Records	Washington, D.C.
14-18	NCHS	Data Sources for Cost Analysis of Health Programs	Seattle, Washington
14-18	NCHS	Family Planning Statistics	San Diego, California
Nov. 28-Dec. 2	NCHS	Analysis of Categorical Data	San Diego, California
Nov. 28-Dec. 2	NCHS	Statistical Methods in Epidemiology	New Orleans, Louisiana
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Census	Course on Introduction to the Use of Machine-Readable Census Bureau Data Products and Computer Software	Washington, D.C.

DECEMBER

5-9	NCHS	Health Survey Sampling Methods	Denver, Colorado
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—DUES—

In December 1976, the first notice of annual dues was sent to SRDG members by Secretary-Treasurer Rosenberg. After considerable study and deliberation, the Executive Committee began levying dues as provided for under the amended SRDG By-Laws. Guidance was also provided by the results of an SRDG membership survey conducted by George C. Myers and Nancy J. McGirr, both of Duke University. The survey results, which were published in the *SRDG NEWSLETTER* (Jan. 1976), showed that of the more than 250 members responding, 80 percent agreed that SRDG membership should require dues between \$5 and \$10 per year. The Executive Committee established a dues schedule of \$6 for regular members and \$2 for students.

Rosenberg reports that more than 200 members paid dues in response to the first solicitation. Further solicitations, as well as an organized membership campaign, are being planned by the Executive Committee.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As many readers have probably noticed, the editorship of the *Newsletter* has changed with this issue. All of us should be very grateful to Harry Rosenberg for the fine job he has done as *Newsletter* editor. With the change in editorship, I would like to take this opportunity to assure SRDG members that the primary purpose of the *Newsletter*—a means of communication among the membership and between SRDG and ORAU—will remain as it has been. This communication depends upon everyone's cooperation; please continue to send news items, publications of interest, and other material to

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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, subcounty

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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