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## SRDG News

### 1978 ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO

SRDG will meet in San Antonio next October 11-13, and the convention will be headquartered at the historic Menger Hotel. The Menger is located in downtown San Antonio, across the street from the Alamo. Presidents William Howard Taft and William B. McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders, Generals Grant and Lee, Governor Sam Houston, writers O. Henry and Oscar Wilde, poet Sidney Lanier, actress Sarah Bernhardt — all have made the Menger Hotel their headquarters while in San Antonio. Since 1859, the Menger has been a favorite stopping place for dignitaries, travelers, and tourists alike who have come to the Southwest and San Antonio for fun, fame, fortune, and fighting battles. It is time now for demographers to convene at the Menger.

The Menger is indeed an historic hotel. A step into the old lobby is without doubt a step into the past. The authentic antique furnishings, the magnificent three-storied room with its pillars and balconies, the knowledge of the greats who have crossed this floor and climbed these stairs — the atmosphere almost seems to make those times come to life again.

Through the main lobby and down the hall is the famous Menger Bar, just as it was in 1898 when Theodore Roosevelt recruited his Rough Riders there and stood laughing and bragging on each of his men, "... as fine a fighting man as ever carried a rifle or rode a horse in any country or any age." And Roosevelt wasn't to forget the Menger — he re-

turned three years later, this time as President of the United States.

Also in the Menger Bar, the visitor can see old photos of San Antonio and the Menger in other times. One photo of particular interest shows the hotel's patio garden directly behind the main lobby. The garden is still there, much as it used to be, only the old photo contains the tall cottonwood trees no longer there, said to have given the Alamo — right across the street from the Menger — its name. And so, even the land where the Menger was eventually built was linked with San Antonio history long before 1859.

However, history is more than land and buildings, presidents and heroes, and indeed the Menger has housed people from all walks of life. The floors of the Menger rooms have held the weight of gold-filled saddlebags in frontier times and have echoed the sounds of high-heeled boots of generations of cattlemen. The walls of the Menger rooms have heard the sobs of young war brides left alone by their soldier-husbands who went off from this famous military city to fight many wars.

Some military men who have had the opportunity of few to travel and live around the world have chosen to retire in San Antonio, Texas, and have returned as permanent residents of the Menger. Today the Menger is home to General William H. Simpson, Commander of the Ninth U.S. Army in Europe in World War II. General Simpson, a native of Weatherford, Texas, near Fort Worth, came to live at the Menger in 1972 and readily engages in conversation with

guests who wish to know more of that important era of modern U.S. history.

It is difficult to tell the entire history of the Menger in a few paragraphs. There is the fabulous King Suite, kept decades ago by the owner of the famous King Ranch in South Texas, the largest ranch in the world and with a colorful history of its own. There is the Roy Rogers Suite, with leather and rawhide furnishings, where the well-known star of movie westerns stayed on his trips to San Antonio during his movie-making days.

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### Final Call for 1978 Contributed Papers

SRDG's 1978 annual meeting will feature papers contributed by members and other interested persons. Papers dealing with any topic of demographic interest will be considered; especially welcome are papers dealing with local area data use and applications for intercensal periods. Persons wishing to submit a paper for consideration should send two copies of a one-page abstract (including author's name and telephone number) to the 1978 program chairman: Dr. Edward E. Cahill, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401.

No author may present more than one contributed paper, although (s)he may co-author another paper(s) presented by a different author.

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS AUGUST 10, 1978.**

There are the old registries and daily ledgers where the penned script and variety of entries tell their own stories.

At every turn there's more history at the Menger. Sometimes the details are sketchy, sometimes there are questions left unanswered. Who are those faces in the old photographs in the Menger Bar? What beautiful ladies have seen their reflections in the mirrors of the grand old lobby? What would the walls and staircases say if they could talk? Let your imagination soar — fill in your own picture of this glorious place from the past, and imagine yourself in any role you choose.

Find your own place in the Menger's history — beside the beautiful pool, in an historic room in the original section or in a modern and spacious room in the newest Motor Inn section, among the tropical plantings of the quiet garden patio, while enjoying fine dining and entertainment, or simply reminiscing about the wonder of the past in this venerable edifice that can clearly be called history itself. For when you sign the register at the Menger, you're not just checking into a hotel — you're adding your name to a long line of discriminating patrons who have chosen not just a superb hotel, but *The Menger*, and so much of what its name and history have come to mean.

Aside from the amenities offered SRDG by the Menger Hotel, the city of San Antonio itself has much to offer. San Antonio, Texas, prides itself as being one of America's four unique cities (you figure out the other three). San Antonio is a thriving cosmopolitan center and one of the nation's largest cities, yet it possesses a character all its own. Time worn adobe and stone buildings stand in the shadows of towering modern structures while a feeling of intimacy prevails along the Paseo del Rio, the little river that leisurely meanders through the heart of downtown San Antonio. The Menger, by the way, is but a few blocks from the river.

The river is a vivid mixture of sights and sounds, from the new Convention Center to swinging bistros, with musical variety ranging from mariachi guitar to Dixieland jazz. During the day, paddleboats splash merrily along, while at night gentle breezes and soft lights set the stage for a romantic meal by candlelight.

At night from the 750-foot Tower of the Americas, San Antonio is a panorama

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**Preliminary Program/1978 Annual Meeting/  
Southern Regional Demographic Group  
October 11-13, 1978/Menger Hotel/San Antonio, Texas**

**Wednesday, October 11**

- 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.      **Registration**
- 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.      **Social Hour (Cash Bar)**

**Thursday, October 12**

- 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.      **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.      **I. Plenary Session**  
*Demographic Knowledge for What?*  
Organizer and Moderator: Everett S. Lee  
University of Georgia
- 10:30 a.m.—12:00      **II. Annual SRDG Business Meeting**  
Presiding: Leon F. Bouvier, U.S. Bureau of the Census
- 12:00—1:00 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.      **III. Session A**  
*New Perspectives on the Growth of Metropolitan vs. Nonmetropolitan Areas*  
Organizer: To be announced
- III. Session B**  
*School Desegregation and Social Policy*  
Organizer: Vivian Klaff  
University of Delaware
- 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.      **IV. Session A**  
*Population Education: Teaching Teachers for the Elementary and Secondary Schools*  
Organizer: To be announced
- IV. Session B**  
*Political and Economic Consequences of New Southern Populations*  
Organizer: Joachim Singlemann  
Vanderbilt University
- 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.      **Social Hour (Cash Bar)**

**Friday, October 13**

- 9:00 a.m.—12:00      **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.      **V. Session A**  
*Migration and Improving Intercensal Estimates*  
Organizer: To be announced
- V. Session B**  
Contributed Papers:  
*Population in Other Southern Regions*  
Organizer: To be announced
- 10:15 a.m.—12:00      **VI. Session A**  
*Health and Mortality*  
Organizer: Harry Rosenberg  
National Center for Health Statistics
- VI. Session B**  
Contributed Papers:  
*Aging in the Sun Belt*  
Organizer: Clifford Patrick  
National Institute of Aging

12 Noon

**VII. Luncheon Roundtable Discussions**

1. Gladys Bowles – *Migration Data – Recent Developments*
2. Dudley Poston – *Overcrowding and Ecological Conservancy*
3. Anne Lee – *Implications of Changing Fertility Patterns*
4. Ed Cahill – *The Undergraduate Service Course in Population*
5. To be announced – *Legal Uses of Demography*

1:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.

**VIII. Session A**

*Data Uses and Methodological Developments*

Organizer: Mary Currence

Tennessee Valley Authority

**VIII. Session B**

Contributed Papers:

*Fertility*

Organizer: Robert Weller

Florida State University

3:15 p.m.

**IX. General Session**

*SRDG, Research, and the 1980 Census*

Organizer: Carolee Bush

Bureau of the Census

*1978 Annual Meeting continued—*

of sparkling lights. Friends get together for an evening of gourmet dining or to enjoy cocktails and music during the wee hours. The traditional way to complete a perfect San Antonio evening is to visit an all-night Mexican restaurant for a delectable snack and listen to strolling mariachis serenade celebrating couples.

Plans are also under way for SRDG members to participate in still additional activities over the weekend following the meetings. Dudley Poston, local arrangements chairperson, is presently offering two attractive packages of entertainment, either of which should prove to be most exciting. One involves a one-day trip to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. By chartered bus, we will leave from the Menger Hotel Saturday morning for the Laredo, Texas/ Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, metropolitan area, a distance of less than 150 miles. A tourguide will accompany us on our journey. The day will consist of lunch in Nuevo Laredo with a few hours reserved for shopping and sightseeing in Mexico. We should be back in San Antonio by late afternoon. The cost of this package will be \$35.

The second entertainment package includes a trip to Austin, Texas, the state capital, for sightseeing and attending a football game between the Texas Longhorns and North Texas State University. By chartered bus the tour will leave from the Menger around noon for

Austin, a distance of less than 75 miles. After arriving in Austin, sightseeing tours of the University campus, the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, and the Austin community will be conducted. Following a light supper, we will then adjourn to Texas Memorial Stadium for the football game (beginning at 7 p.m.). We will be back at the Menger before midnight. This package will cost about \$25.

If you are interested in learning more about these entertainment packages, contact Dudley Poston at the Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin 78712. He will be able to provide you with complete information, including the estimated cost of the trips. A minimum number of participants will have to sign up and pay for the tours in advance, however. So contact Dudley immediately if you are interested so he can obtain some idea of general interest.

Don't forget the dates: *October 11-13* for the Annual Meeting and *October 14* for the two entertainment packages. Return your hotel reservation card to the Menger as soon as possible. Single rooms will cost \$24 per night, doubles or twins will cost \$28 per night. A limited number of rooms has been guaranteed for SRDG.

(The editor would like to express his heartfelt thanks to Dudley Poston for the foregoing article.)

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## The South in the News

### Changes in Types of Degrees from Southern Colleges

During the first half of the 1970s, significantly more southern college and university students elected to major in fields that they perceived as having greater prospects for immediate employment after graduation. The number of graduate and undergraduate degrees in computer and information sciences, health professions, and public affairs more than doubled between 1971 and 1975, while small increases or declines were the rule in foreign languages, the humanities, mathematics, and the social sciences.

(Source: *Degree Output in the South, 1974-75 by Sex*, Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313, \$4.00)

### Population Trends in North Carolina and the South: 1970-75

A recent report by Professor William B. Clifford of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University discusses changes in the rate of population growth for counties in North Carolina and the concomitant changes in the components of population growth. While most counties in the state followed the national pattern of decreasing numbers of births, the reversal of the long-time pattern of net out-migration caused the state's population to grow at a faster rate between 1970-75 than it did during the preceding decade. During the 1960s, 70 of North Carolina's 100 counties experienced net out-migration; from 1970 to 1975, only 25 counties lost population through migration. Much of this turnaround is part and parcel of the increasing tendency of Americans in general to reside in nonmetropolitan areas. Copies of the report, "Recent Population Trends in North Carolina and the Southern Region: 1970-1975" (Progress Report Soc. 64, 1977), are available from the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607.

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# Publications

## Federal Agencies

### Bureau of the Census (GPO) Current Population Reports

#### Series P-20: Population Characteristics

"School Enrollment—Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1977 (Advance Report)," No. 321, 70¢.

"Voting and Registration in the Election of November 1976," No. 322, \$3.00.

"Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March 1977," No. 323, \$2.30.

"Population Profile of the United States: 1977," No. 324, \$2.30.

#### Series P-25: Population Estimates and Projections

"Estimates of the Population of the United States by Age, Sex, and Race: 1970 to 1977," No. 721, \$2.20.

#### Series P-28: Special Censuses

"Summary of Special Censuses Conducted by the Bureau of the Census Between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1977," No. 1557, 60¢.

#### Series P-60: Consumer Income

"Money Income and Poverty Status in 1975 of Families and Persons in the United States and the Northeast Region, by Divisions and States (Spring 1976 Survey of Income and Education)," No. 110, \$3.75.

## Technical Papers

"The Current Population Survey, Design and Methodology," No. 40, \$3.75.

"An Evaluation of 1970 Census Occupational Classification, the Postcensal Manpower Survey — Census Match Study," No. 41, \$1.60.

## Other Publications

"Country Demographic Profiles: Chile," ISP-DP-13, no price given.

"World Population: 1977 (Advance Report)," ISP-WP-77A, 25¢.

1977 Statistical Abstract, \$11 (cloth), \$8.50 (paper).

Statistics for States and Metropolitan Areas, \$2.75.

Directory of Federal Statistics for Local Areas: A Guide to Sources, 1976, \$5.50.

## National Center for Health Statistics (VHS)

### Series 4: Documents and Committee Reports

"Statistics Needed for National Policies Related to Fertility," No. 18.

### Series 21: Data from the National Vital Statistics System

"Trends in Fertility in the United States," No. 28.

## Social Security Administration

"Public Assistance Recipients and Cash Payments by Program, State, and County."

"1975 Recipient Characteristics Study: Part I, Demographic and Program Statistics."

"Program and Demographic Characteristics of Supplemental Security Beneficiaries, December 1976."

"Social Security Beneficiaries in Metropolitan Areas, 1976," by B. Lingg.

Single copies of each available from Publications Staff, Office of Research and Statistics, Social Security Administration, Room 1120 Universal North Building, 1875 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

## New Publications from Southern Growth Policies Board

The Southern Growth Policies Board has released two studies on the South that may interest SRDG members. *The Future of the South* is an SGPB commission report dealing with growth policy, human resource development, land use and natural resources, transportation, and recommendations for additional research. *The Economics of Southern Growth* contains seven in-depth analyses of comparative growth and structure, the changing structure of the southern economy, financial aspects of economic expansion, income distribution, energy, causes and quality of growth, and a reprint of the well-known Jusenius-Ledebur study, "A Myth in the Making." Single copies of *Future* are available for \$6 and of *Economics* for \$12. They may be obtained from Southern Growth Policies Board, P.O. Box 12293, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709.

## UNC Newsletter Features Southern Growth

The current issue of the University of North Carolina *News Letter*, published by the University's Institute for Research in Social Science (IRSS), deals entirely with questions of southern growth. Individual articles treat state development policy and metro/nonmetro growth, economic growth and public health, trends in growth among southern cities, and growth management innovation. Copies of the special issue (vol. 63, no. 2, April 1978) may be obtained from IRSS, Publications, University of North Carolina, Manning Hall 026A, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

## Inmigration to the South, 1965-1970

A recent study by the Tennessee Valley Authority has concluded that the South is receiving increasingly large influxes of young, well educated migrants. The study notes that continuation of this trend, given the high degree of industry attachment exhibited by migrants, may be a matter of continuing to develop appropriate job opportunities. Copies of the study, "Characteristics of Regional Inmigrants, 1965-1970," are available from Robert A. Nakosteen, Tennessee Valley Authority, 270A Liberty Building, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

## Department of Agriculture

*Looking Forward: Research Issues Facing Agriculture and Rural America*. Single copies available from Economic Research Service, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## National Center for Health Services Research

"Capsule Summaries of NCHSR Research Activities." Single copies available from NCHSR, Center Building, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

## Bureau of Labor Statistics

"Labor Force Trends: A Synthesis and Analysis and a Bibliography," by R. W. Bednarzik and D. P. Klein (Special Labor Force Report No. 208).

"Where To Find BLS Statistics on Women" (Report No. 530).

Single copies of each available from Inquiries and Correspondence, BLS, Washington, D.C. 20212.

## Nonfederal Agencies

"Old Data for New Research." Edited by W. M. Mason, K. E. Taeuber, and H. H. Winsborough. Single copies free from Center for Demography & Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

"Alabama County Data Book-1977." \$2.00 per copy from State Planning Division, Alabama Development Office, State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

"Population Trends in North Carolina and the South: 1970-75," by W. B. Clifford. Single copies free from Agricultural Experiment Station, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607.

"Infant Mortality in Louisiana: Levels, Trends and Differentials," by L. Perez and M. L. Cheng. Single copies free from Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

"Estimates of Demographic Characteristics of Virginia Cities and Counties, 1975," by J. H. Martin and W. J. Serow. Single copies free from Population Studies Center, Tayloe Murphy Institute, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906.

"Statistics Programs in the South — 1977." Single copies free from Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313.

"South Carolina Statistical Abstract: 1976." \$3.50 from Editor, South Carolina Statistical Abstract, 1028 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

"Index" to volumes 1-10 of *Demography*. Single copies free from PAA Business Office, Box 14182 Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

"Index" to *International Migration Review* and *International Migration Digest*. \$5.00 from Center for Migration Studies, 209 Flagg Place, Staten Island, New York 10304.

"Population: An International Directory of Organizations and Information Resources." Edited by T. C. Trzyna, \$18.75 from The Public Affairs Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 30, Claremont, California 91711.

"The Mid-South: A Regional Profile of Social, Economic and Health Characteristics," by Richard K. Thomas and Virginia Anne Jones. Single copies available from Mr. Thomas at Southwestern at Memphis, 2000 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

"Poverty in Mississippi: A Statistical Analysis," by Tommy W. Rogers. Single copies available from Governor's Office of Human Resources and Community Services, 510 George Street, Suite 300, Jackson, Mississippi 39202.

"Occupational Employment of Selected Nonmanufacturing Industries in Tennessee, 1975."

"Tennessee Data for Affirmative Action Plans: State, SMSAs, Counties, 1976."

"Tennessee Covered Employment and Wages by Industry: State and County, 1976."

Single copies of each available from Research and Statistics Section, Tennessee Department of Employment Security, 519 Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

## News Items

### SIE Report on South Released

Many members will be interested in the recently released census report on income and poverty in the southern states for 1975. This report, "Money Income and Poverty Status in 1975 of Families and Persons in the United States and the South Region, by Divisions and States," (*Current Population Reports*, Series P-60, no. 112, June 1978) presents data from the 1976 Survey of Income and Education. Three tables are presented for each state: two show income distribution for families and unrelated individuals and for persons by demographic and economic characteristics, while the third shows the incidence of poverty for persons and households by household status, age, race, and selected socio-economic characteristics. Copies of the report, prepared by K. K. Apple, G. W. Green, and A. I. Winard, are available from GPO for \$4.50.

### 1977 Annual Demographic File Now Available

The 1977 Annual Demographic File (March Supplement to the Current Population Survey) is now available on computer tape from the Census Bureau. These data form the base of the Series P-20 and P-60 *Current Population Reports*. This file presents current data on the composition and economic status of the nation's population. It provides comprehensive information on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 14 years old and over. Characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, family relationship, income, educational background, and Spanish ethnicity are shown for each person in the households enumerated. The file consists of disclosure-free responses of some 68,000 households in the U.S. Beginning with the 1977 file all states and 44 SMSAs are identified. Weights are provided on each record to develop estimates for the total population. For further information about the ADF, please write or call Larry Carbaugh, Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233, (301) 763-2400.

*Publications continued—*

"Behavioral Science Research, 1967-1977: A Decade of Research Endeavor," by Paul L. Wall (report of the Carver Research Foundation). Single copies available from Carver Research Foundation of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088.

"Population Changes in Louisiana, 1970-1975," by L. Perez and M. L. Cheng. Single copies available from Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

*Population News* (newsletter of the Johns Hopkins Population Center). To be added to the mailing list, please send notice to Editor, *Population News*, Box 354, School of Hygiene and Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University, 615 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21205.

*African Population Newsletter*, no. 25, June 1977. Available from Population Division, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA.

*Population Trends and Implications*, edited by Douglas N. Ross. \$15.00 from The Conference Board, Inc., 845 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

"Alabama Counties," \$2; "Expenditures of Alabama Counties," \$2; "Income of Alabama Counties," \$2; "Evaluation: A Practical Guide," \$2.50; "Summary of County Finance Trends in Alabama," free. All are available from Office of Public Service and Research, Room 2232 Haley Center, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36830.

*An Acceptable Future Nuclear Energy System*, edited by M. J. Ohanian. Published by the Institute for Energy Analysis, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and available for \$6.50 from National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

**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 August and September 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. Additional information is available from the Applied Statistics Training

Institute, National Center for Health Statistics, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 2-63, Hyattsville, Maryland 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:

**August**

7-11	NCHS	Health Program Planning and Evaluation	Minneapolis
9-11	Census	Census Bureau Geography	Detroit
17-25	NCHS	Research Methods for Evaluation of Programs	Los Angeles
21-25	NCHS	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	Hartford
28-1	Census	Advanced Population Estimates Methodology	Boston

**September**

11-15	NCHS	Demographic Analysis II	Minneapolis
11-15	NCHS	Use of Life Tables	Seattle
11-15	NCHS	Biostatistical Software	New Orleans
11-15	Census	Elementary Methods for Population Projections	Seattle
18-22	NCHS	Analysis of Categorical Data	Research Triangle Park
25-27	Census	Economic Statistics Available from the Census	Los Angeles
25-29	NCHS	Health Status Indexes	St. Louis
25-29	NCHS	Perinatal and Infant Health	Denver
26-29	NCHS	Computer Terminal Usage	Research Triangle Park

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**SRDG Member El-Attar in Iraq**

Long-time SRDG member Mohamed El-Attar of Mississippi State University is in the middle of a two-year assignment for the United Nations Development Programme in Baghdad, Iraq. Dr. El-Attar is advising and assisting Iraqi authorities with a sample survey on internal migration and is also designing the tabulation program for internal migration data resulting from the Iraqi census of October 1977. Dr. El-Attar's mission with the U.N. will end in August 1979.

**Increases in the Number of Southern Households**

According to estimates recently released by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the number of households in southern states reached 23.7 million in 1977, an increase of 4.4 million, or 23 percent, over the number recorded in April 1970. The rate of growth in the South was surpassed by that of the West (26 percent) but greatly exceeded that of the Northeast (11 percent) and North Central states (13 percent). All states in the South, except for West Virginia and Kentucky, exceeded the national rate of increase in the number of households, 17.6 percent. Among all southern states, Florida had by far the largest relative increase in the number of households, 38 percent. Other states in the region with relatively large increases include Texas and South Carolina (25 percent), Virginia (23 percent), and Georgia and North Carolina (21 percent). Across the nation, the greatest increase was experienced by Alaska, with an increase of 49 percent, followed closely by Arizona (44 percent) and Nevada (43 percent). At the other end of the spectrum, increases of less than 10 percent were experienced by the District of Columbia, New York, and Rhode Island. In the South and elsewhere in the nation, the rate of growth in the number of households during the current decade has greatly outstripped that of total population. The estimates of the number of households are contained in "Estimates of the Number of Households for States: July 1, 1976 and 1977," *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 725, which may be purchased from GPO for 60¢.

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## Infant Mortality in Louisiana

From 1971 to 1973, the level of infant mortality in Louisiana was substantially above that of the nation and slightly higher than that of the rest of the South, according to a recent report by Lisandro Perez and Maisy L. Cheng of the Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology at Louisiana State University. Since 1950, levels of infant mortality in Louisiana have always exceeded national rates, although the difference has been narrowing. The authors note that the differences between Louisiana and other states are unlikely to be the consequence of differences in biological characteristics; rather, the mortality differentials are hypothesized to be the result of sociocultural differences. Copies of the report, *Infant Mortality in Louisiana: Levels, Trends, and Differentials* (Bulletin No. 698), are available from Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

## NCHS Publication on Health of U.S. Population

How healthy are Americans? How much does their health care cost and how is it paid for? Where do Americans obtain health care services? These and other questions are examined in *Health, United States, 1976-1977*, the second in a series of reports from the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the President and Congress. Acting through the National Center for Health Statistics and the National Center for Health Services Research, and with the advice of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, the report on the nation's health and health care is provided in accordance with the mandate of Public Law 93-353, the Health Services Research, Health Statistics, and Medical Libraries Act of 1974.

The 441-page publication is divided into two sections. Part A consists of four chapters on specific aspects of health and health care: hypertension, health and health care utilization of the elderly, geographic variations in health and health care resources, and the latest research findings pertaining to national health insurance. Part B of the publication consists of 180 statistical tables with explana-

tory text, descriptions of data sources, a glossary, and a guide to the tables.

Single free copies of *Health, United States, 1976-1977* are available from the Scientific and Technical Information Branch, NCHS, Rm. 1-57, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

## PRB Releases Population Handbook

The Population Reference Bureau has recently released the *Population Handbook*, which is aptly described as one of the most concise textbooks ever written in the field of demography. The purpose of the *Handbook* is to clarify and explain demographic terminology to aid public understanding and to assist journalists, policymakers, teachers, students, and others who need to understand, cite, and communicate population facts. Individual chapters treat subjects such as age and sex composition, fertility, mortality, morbidity, nuptiality, migration, urbanization and distribution, and population change. It also contains a very useful list of demographic terms and population information sources. The *Handbook* is written by Arthur Haupt and Thomas T. Kane. Single copies are available for \$2.00 (quantity prices are available from PRB) and can be obtained from Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 1337 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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## An Invitation To Join the Southern Regional Demographic Group

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. Members of SRDG are interested in promoting demographic research and training. To be a voting member, one must indicate his interest to the SRDG secretary-treasurer (Dr. W. J. Serow, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906) with a remittance of annual dues (\$6 for a regular member and \$2 for student members). Members receive the *Newsletter*, discounts on other SRDG publications, as well as notice of the SRDG annual meeting and other related conferences, seminars, and workshops.

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## Job Mart

### Position Wanted

Specialist in health and population management desires research and teaching position in a U.S. university. Teaching experience includes Senior Professor, Indian Institute of Management; Professor, Administrative Staff College; Associate Professor and Head, National Institute of Health Administration. Forty-six years of age; 35 papers and 5 books; special abilities include consulting work to national and international agencies, mounting executive development and graduate programs, developing international contacts. Contact Professor N. V. Raghu Ram, D.Sc., 326 Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 006, India.

### Vacancy

Associate research position with the University of Arkansas Industrial Research and Extension Center, Population and Employment Studies Section. Specific duties are of a research analyst and consultant nature; responsibilities include analysis of U.S. Census statistics and related socioeconomic data, including development of detailed analytic and summary reports. Position requires graduate degree in social sciences and several years' relevant research experience with population subject matter. Course work in demography, economics, computer programming, sociology, and social science research methods desirable. Appointment on 12-month basis; salary competitive and dependent upon qualifications. Benefits include TIAA-CREF retirement plan as well as group life, disability, and medical insurance. Send application and vitae by *September 15, 1978*, to Dr. Forrest H. Pollard, P.O. Box 3017, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, (501) 371-1971.

## 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.

## From the Editor

Readers interested in submitting material to the Newsletter should note the following change of address effective only for the October and December 1978 issues: Dr. W. J. Serow, Editor, SRDG Newsletter, Institute for Social Research, Center for the Study of Population, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306, (904) 644-1762. The first issue of 1979 will be under the editorship of Drs. Anne Lee and Gladys Bowles. The final three issues of 1979 will revert to the present editor at the following address: Tayloe Murphy Institute, University of Virginia, P.O. Box 6550, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906.

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