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**WASHINGTON — On the White House desk of special presidential assistant Stan Scott, an able, amiable Black ex-newsman, the other day was a significant letter from Harlem's Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.**

Specifically the communication objected to the high cost to New York City of supporting and servicing the United Nations and the scores of missions attached to it.

This was a complaint, but not plaintive. Protecting and otherwise servicing the UN and special dignitaries consumes some \$5 million annually of the city's money — which it hasn't got. It cost New York City \$1.2 million just to protect the PLO's Yassir Arafat. There is a heavy loss in real estate taxes since the foreign missions own some \$8 million worth of property on which there are no levies.

### Got 6 St. Action

There may be good news for New Yorkers. Rangel got action. Scott talked to Mr. Ford. The President then directed special White House officials, the State Department and the Office of Management and Budget to work with Scott on the problem so that needy citizens' dollars don't pay for servicing the world organization and protecting its special guests.

Rangel, writing to Scott for the Black Caucus, wasn't advocating dumping the big UN glass tower into the East River. The Caucus chairman was seeking every penny he could find for the empty, heavily deficated New York treasury so its jobless could be helped — especially in the hard-hit hard-core inner communities of the big city.

### Name of the Game

That's the name of the losing game these days with the Caucus. It's a search for pennies and bottom dollars across the land, especially in the Newark, Clevelands and Detroit.

But the Caucus isn't resting on its letters. Chaired by Rangel, its 17 House members met Jan. 21 at 12:30 p.m. It did some housekeeping chores, named a new executive director, Barbara Williams, beefed up its staff and plunged into rough recession waters which are washing away some of the subsistence of black communities everywhere.

The Caucus now is fighting for the virtually unreported Hawkins-Humphrey bill, introduced by California's Rep. Augustus Hawkins who is concerned about Watts in his area, and by Sen. Humphrey, who needs no other explanation.

### Full Employment Bill

As Hawkins outlined the bill to me, it calls for full employment. That's it. There is no endless small print. In effect, the Caucus's bill

says it doesn't trust the statistics, the reports on joblessness, the federal government's estimate of the work force.

Actually Hawkins believes there are some 115 million people ready to work — women categorized as housewives, youngsters slotted as students, old folks listed as retirees. And part-time workers included in the fully employed.

The bill simply throws the responsibility first on the President of the U.S. If he fails to come up with a plan for guarantees of full employment, a job for everyone who is able and wants to work, the ball is hurled at the Congress. Then, says Hawkins, "neither one can blame the other for not putting all Americans to work."

Finally, if this fails, the Congress would then have to write a bill specifically guaranteeing work for anyone who wants a job.

### The Bill

The Hawkins-Humphrey bill does call for a Full Employment Office, headed by a Full Employment Officer. If he fails to provide a job for all who apply, the workless worker can go to an appeals officer, sort of ombudsman. Finally, he could sue to force the Full Employment Officer to get him placed.

There is no such bill or law today, says Hawkins.

"The only thing around is the Employment Act of 1946," he adds.

"This calls for maximum employment, production and purchasing. It's not being observed, of course. We feel it should be. There should be a statement of policy now. There is total absence of any. We should develop one.

"This could be done by many methods — business stimulation, etc. This bill spells out specifically the responsibility of the various officials, the executive, and the Congress to back up a job guarantee for all. If the President fails to come up with a program, then the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress would be required to submit a plan."

The Caucus has decided to move outside itself and seek the help of the labor bloc as well as those Congressmen representing ghetto-packed cities.

### Dramatic Conference

By mid-April the Caucus will run a rather unique and dramatic conference in Washington. It will invite daily newspaper publishers to come, sit, listen and confer. Especially, the Caucus wants the publishers to hear the black congressmen spell out their own interpretation of statistics which they say don't really tell the story in human terms.

To the conference also will be invited Mayors Young of Detroit, Hatcher of Gary, Gibson of Newark, Bradley of Los Angeles, and Beame of New York. That's for starters.