D. C.'s Record Held Poor In Aid to Unwed Mothers

Washington's mistreatment of unmarried mothers will continue until Congress appropriates more money for the girls' care, a child welfare authority said yesterday.

Joseph H. Reid, New York, executive director of the Child Welfare League of America, addressed the closing session of the Institute on Unmarried Mothers and Their Children. The two-day conference was in the Washington Post and Times Herald's auditorium.

Mr. Reid said the District's unwed mother cases follow those of other cities. Girls come here from as far away as 300 miles, seeking help in their pregnancy. Similarly, District girls go to other cities.

Their out-of-town status denies them help from public funds here.

Fund Outlook Dim

Mr. Reid said chances are dim of quick help from Congressional funds. Congressmen do not want to vote funds here that would make their own home District situations look worse, he added.

And, he continued, what facilities are available here for unmarried mothers are not operated efficiently. Such a facility, whether private or public, should be equipped to assist an unmarried, pregnant girl from the time she arrives until her baby is born, and then it should have good adoption machinery, Mr. Reid said.

"You're not doing a good job" he told welfare and social workers attending the meeting sponsored by United Community Services.

The District, like most other cities, pays much more for foster care of an illegitimate baby than it is willing to pay the mother to keep her child with her, he said.

Policy "Irrational"

"It is irrational and immoral," he asserted. "Do we think the starving children will improve the morals of the mother? We are still applying the scarlet letter. None of us has done the job that can be done."

Mr. Reid said it is ridiculous to say, as many do say, that paying adequate sums for support of an illegitimate child will bring more babies out of wedlock in order to get more money. "Figures show plainly that it just isn't so," he said.

The District ranks among the worst of the Nation's major cities in facilities for unmarried mothers, he said.

"Four out of five unmarried Negro mothers cannot get services here," he added. The lack of treatment encourages self-administered abortions, and results in an increased death rate, he said.

Millers Dominate Police Roster

TRENTON, N. J. (AP).—If you exceed the speed limits anywhere between Atlantic City and Princeton or on the New Jersey turnpike there is a good chance you'll get a ticket by a State trooper named Miller.

There are five Miller brothers with the State police.

The oldest, Joseph A. Miller, jr., joined seven years ago after a hitch in the Navy. And as brothers Robert, Leonard, Richard and Gerald completed their military service, they followed in the footsteps of their big brother.

But although they're in the same outfit, they have different shifts and rarely get together.