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MINORITIES CONTINUE GAINS IN APPRENTICESHIP

Minority placement in apprenticeship is working, announced James E. Stratten, Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, State Department of Industrial Relations.

The number of apprentices registering in state-approved programs in August was the second largest monthly total since California established its apprenticeship program.

The August figure was 2,082, the highest since October 1969.

Stratten said that this figure reflects the increased entry of minorities into the program. Nearly 21 per cent of registered apprentices in the year ended June 30 were minorities, an increase of about two per cent over last year. Under the California Plan for Equal Opportunity in Apprenticeship, in effect since April, program sponsors must include numbers of minorities equal to the proportion of minorities in the population where the program operates.

Last month 655 apprentices completed training. Since 1939, there have been 110,702 completions. More than 32,000 apprentices

are in training at this time.

The state apprenticeship program was set up by the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act of 1939. The 33-year total of registrations is 302,563.

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