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## Black Claims Boost For Anti-Poverty Job

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Arthur A. Fletcher, black Labor Department official, said Tuesday that several civil rights organizations are touting him to be named head of the government's anti-poverty agency.

The organizations, including the National Urban League and local branches of the Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), also are urging that the post be reinstated to a cabinet-level job, he said.

"I HAVEN'T pressed for it," Fletcher said. "I'll just let nature take its course."

The White House declined to comment on a published report that Fletcher is due to replace Frank C. Carlucci III as director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Carlucci will leave the job Sept. 1 to become associate director of the administration's Office of Management and Budget.

FLETCHER, a former professional football player and now assistant secretary of labor for workplace standards, said the campaign on his behalf started when Carlucci said last month he would step down from the job.

Fletcher once ran for lieutenant governor in the state of Washington as a Republican but was defeated by the incumbent Democrat.