

## Job Training

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It almost goes without saying that government programs to help the so-called "hard-core unemployables" find work are least effective during times of economic stress, times such as we are seeing in an acute fashion in the Northwest this winter.

One example is Portland's Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), which gets its funds from the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee which, in turn, gets money from the Federal Government.

Director George Rankins says during 1968-69 CEP was able to place some eleven hundred people in jobs, but that the current recession has forced many employers to lay them off. The result, he says, is that these CEP-trained personnel

are returning for retraining and help with job placement at a time when money is short and CEP is attracting the attention of others who need work.

Rankins says since the last fiscal year, the budget for his operation has been slashed by \$400-thousand dollars. And he is not optimistic about the availability of jobs in the near future.

Programs like CEP may be at least partial victims of their own successes. As one spokesman who asked not to be named, theorizes, CEP was begun under the Johnson Administration, and he has a sneaking suspicion Nixon isn't too enthusiastic about contributing to its well-being.

He further theorizes Nixon is less interested in the welfare of people than he is in his own "accomplishments" as President.

After all it is the Nixon administration whose tight money, "inflationary control" policies have plunged the Northwest into its worst employment picture since the 50's.

With money hard-to-get, business growth has been slowed - and in many cases curtailed - and this, of course, puts people out of work.

If the person is unskilled, then he loses his job quicker; and for a longer period of time than the skilled worker.

Sometimes it seems officials who make policy, deal too much with facts and figures, and they forget there are real, living, flesh and blood PEOPLE behind those statistics.

Going from 5.4% to 6% unemployment may not sound like much on paper. But when you visit the homes of some of those unemployed, feel their despair and frustration, you begin to realize the real effects of this type of statistical "shuffling game."

And you can easily feel and understand the anger of those who have been fed a dream, have bought it, and then had it snatched away because of political considerations over which they had no control.

Many of the so-called "hard-core unemployables" had given up trying to make something decent of themselves. It took patience, and hard work and compassion on the part of programs like CEP to get them interested.

But they were interested, they did train, and they got work.

Now that 1970 has come and gone they're people, many of them black, find the old adage of "the last hired and the first fired" to be all too true once again.

Why must programs which offer so much hope when conceived, constantly run out of steam before any lasting improvements can be made?

It is a tragedy that those in positions to do the most good for the truly disadvantaged, are often so far out of touch with them that nothing really gets done.

Not too many hungry people make policy, and its too bad that not enough policy-makers are hungry.

## Tutors Needed

Nearly 200 persons seeking adult tutoring assistance to learn to read and write more effectively may find their first steps toward learning delayed. Not enough new volunteer tutors are available in the community service program sponsored by Portland Community College, project workers reported today, even though 300 are at work.

"This is a case of success, not failure," said Mrs. Elizabeth Tikin, tutor trainer for the PCC Community Education project. "We've been able to help so many so well that the word has gotten around...and now we are desperately short of enough volunteers to meet the greater needs that are developing." The volunteers work face to face with persons needing special help in learning to learn and in developing reading and writing skills.

She pointed out that the program had served 745 people from July 1 through Sept. 30, with the largest number of students, 263, between the ages of 18 and 25 years, for the second successive quarter. Previously, the largest number has always been in the age bracket between 25 and 44 years, she said.

"We had 98 persons studying in levels (grades) 1 to 3, 137 in levels 4 to 6, and 510 in levels 7 to 12," Mrs. Tikin said.

More than 75 percent of the students were white, she reported, with about 23 percent black and around 2 percent Oriental or American Indian.

Mrs. Tikin announced a series of Volunteer Tutor Training Workshops, with the first one at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 7:30 til 9:30 p.m., January 12, and a second session there Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Others will be in Failing Hall Library, Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 7:30 til 9:30 p.m.

For information on what a volunteer tutor does and how to volunteer, call 224-2135.

## Nina temple grows

Mina Temple # 68 A.E.A.O. N.M.S. will hold a ceremonial on Saturday, January 9, 1971, at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 116 N.E. Russell St. Four candidates will be inducted into Shrinedom.

Noble Thomas A. Shelby is illustrious Potentate.

Noble Thomas A. Vickers is Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Portland.

## Black Candidates Win Top Jobs

NEW YORK- Negro candidates in the North, West and South fared well in the 1970 elections, a survey by the NAACP reveals.

The number of black members of the House of Representatives was increased from nine to 12 with the election of three Negroes from predominantly white districts which previously have been represented in Congress by white persons. Seven of the nine present black House members were re-elected. The remaining two were replaced by other Negroes.

The most spectacular and significant triumph was the election of Wilson C. Riles as California's state superintendent of public instruction. He defeated a formidable foe, the vociferous and controversial incumbent, Dr. Max Rafferty. Riles, in his new position, assumes also a seat as a regent of the University of California and trustee of the California State Colleges. He is the first Negro in California elected to a statewide job. Although the position is regarded as non-partisan, Dr. Rafferty had the support of Gov. Ronald Reagan who was overwhelmingly re-elected.

### White Districts

The three congressmen-elect who defeated white candidates in predominantly white districts are Parren J. Mitchell of Baltimore, George Collins of Chicago and Roger V. Dellums of Berkeley, Calif. Charles B. Rangel of New York was elected to replace Adam Clayton Powell who was defeated in the Democratic primary. In Chicago, Ralph Metcalf was elected to replace the veteran Cong. William L. Dawson who died last week. The new congressman, like those re-elected, is a Democrat.

Mitchell, brother of the NAACP's Washington representative, Clarence Mitchell Jr., and a professor at Morgan State College, defeated his white Republican opponent, 58,986 to 42,024, in a district 60 per cent non-Negro. The district includes part of the City and the County of Baltimore.

Included in Collins' district are the blue collar lilywhite suburbs of Cicero and Berwyn along with Chicago's Westside black ghetto. His success in carrying the suburban areas is attributed to the strong backing of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Out on the West Coast, Dellums defeated a Republican and a Peace and Freedom Party candidate, amassing 60 per cent of the total vote. Negroes and Mexican-Americans in the district voted strongly for him but he also received substantial support from the predominantly white precincts in the area of the University of California. The congressman-elect was the target of attacks by Vice President Spiro Agnew.

### Other Re-elections

Black Democrats re-elected to the House of Representatives are John Conyers Jr., and Charles C. Diggs of Michigan; William Caly of Missouri; Augustus Hawkins of California; Louis Stokes of Ohio; Mrs.

Shirley Chisholm of New York; and Robert N.C. Nix of Pennsylvania. The only other Negro member of Congress, Sen. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, was not up for re-election as his term does not expire until 1972.

Two congressional hopefuls failed of election - Mrs. Myrlie Evers in California and Andrew Young in Georgia.

Milton B. Allen became the first Negro elected prosecutor in Baltimore and one of only a few black men to have been elected to such a position in any city in the country.

A sizable number of Negro candidates were elected to local, county and state offices in the South as well as in non-southern states. A black slate took all major posts in Green County, Ala. Also in Alabama, two Negroes were elected to the state legislature-the first since the Reconstruction era.

According to a New York Times report, Alabama now has a total of 105 elected black officials, including four sheriffs: This Deep South state is exceeded in the number of Negro officeholders only by Michigan with 110, The Times reported. Four black candidates were elected to the South Carolina legislature.

## Tour the World In Food

Would you believe a tour of Europe, accomplished right at the dinner table without leaving your chair?

That experience is available in a new Continental Cookery course offered at Portland Community College winter term.

Chef John R. Sharp, a PCC staff instructor with many years of varied experience, will demonstrate preparation of exotic dishes drawn from the national cuisine of Armenia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, and Spain.

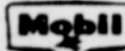
Course participants also participate in the prepared dishes, learning in this way to become critics in the preparation of various ethnic foods.

The course carries three credits; fee is \$24, with a \$15 lab fee to cover the cost of the foods involved.

The first session of the course will be held Tuesday, January 12, from 6:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. There will be 11 sessions, meeting in the new PCC kitchens and food industries teaching area in the College Center building at Mt. Sylvania.

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