

A letter to the editor Save our children

Dear Sir:

This letter has been sent to me in the hope that it might help illuminate the welfare crisis in our society. I sent it along to you with the hope that it will do just that. For obvious reasons the child must remain anonymous.

Yours truly,
Dr. Charles Grossman,
Chairman

From a welfare child

A STATEMENT BY
A WELFARE CHILD

To all the people who don't care about me and kids like me. My Mom cries a lot and I know she loves me - but I needed a pair of shoes for school and she couldn't get them for me, so I took a pair from a store. I didn't want to but I didn't have any money to buy them and I want to go to school so I won't have to go on welfare like Mom. We don't have enough to eat all the time either and I didn't have a coat for a long time this winter.

Nobody likes welfare and they don't like us welfare kids, but nobody wants to do anything to help us get off of welfare.

I know enough about politics to know I don't have any rights. I don't have the right to ask for more to eat or to be warm or to even have a house to live in. I don't vote so I don't count. Those people in Salem decide whether I will be hungry and cold or not, and I've been cold and hungry a long time.

But I am told I must respect the people who do this to me. I try to - I try very hard.

Save our children

HELP US SAVE OUR CHILDREN!

The time has arrived again when the state government decides about welfare, and if children will be allowed enough money through the ADC program to live with any degree of decency.

The Governor has already decided against the children by submitting only 80% of the lowest living standard. Does your child deserve only 80% of life?? NO! Our children deserve 100% of life! It is only because children have no political power that they are given so little consideration by those in government that could do better by the children if they chose to!

So in order to help the plight of the children, we are sponsoring a children's lobby to Salem to present their case before all to see. The time will be announced later. We ask only that you be there to SAVE YOUR CHILDREN! Let's stop the welfare cycle and give the children a chance!

Transportation will be free. Just be prepared WITH YOUR CHILDREN TO GO when the time comes.

Remember if you don't care, nobody will! But if you show YOUR concern SO WILL OTHERS!

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Firemen Exams Set

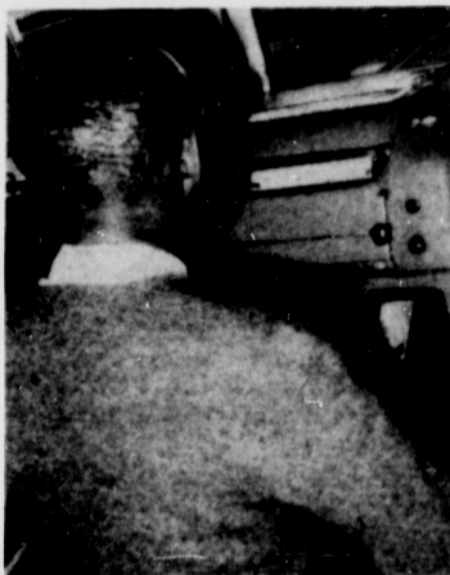
The Portland Civil Service Board is currently recruiting able young men interested in careers with the Portland Fire Bureau.

Fire fighters start at \$695 per month, with periodic increases to \$903 after five years. They work a shift of 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty, with 24 paid vacation days per year. Additional benefits include city paid family health insurance and a "top" retirement plan. All higher level positions are filled by promotional examinations.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 25 inclusive (21 and 30 for veterans), at least five feet seven inches tall, physically and mentally fit, and have a high school education or equivalent.

Orientation sessions dealing with the work of a fire fighter and sessions on taking civil service examinations have been arranged for the later part of January.

Applications and are being taken through January 29, 1971. For applications and information about the orientation sessions contact the Albina employment service centers.



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Black vote shows fruit

A new note of better days to come was sounded when Governor-elect John C. West of South Carolina named a black man as assistant to the Governor for human resources. In that capacity, James E. Clyburn will coordinate programs in the area of human resources development and handle liaison with agencies administering human resource programs.

Mr. West, a Democrat who defeated Representative Albert W. Watson, a conservative Republican who believes in segregation of the races, by 29,000 votes. Solid Negro support for Mr. West provided the winning margin.

He has pledged an administration dedicated to "unity and reconciliation." Two days after his election, he announced plans to establish an official state human relations commission. This was an objective on which all the civil rights groups of South Carolina had established an urgent priority.

This is the first time in modern history that a major staff position in the Governor's office has been given to a black man. This is one more convincing evidence that consolidated black vote is prying open doors that were heretofore closed to Negroes.

PCC offers civil service exam classes

Four separate one-night classes, reviewing Civil Service examination procedures, designed to assist persons who wish to take the Portland Fire Department examinations, will be held by Portland Community College.

The examination preparatory class will be held in the Cascade Center Student Union Building, Room 310-A, on January 18 and 25, starting at 7

p.m. The Student Union building is at 5605 North Borthwick.

Another class will be held at the Fire Department Training Center, 2915 S. E. 13th Place, on January 21, at 7 p.m.

The same examination preparatory class will be offered on January 26 at 7 p.m., meeting in Room A7-ST, Mt. Sylvania campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Avenue.

Interested persons should telephone the Portland Community College Basic Education Department at 244-6111 for further information.

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Candidates must be a high school or GED graduate, age 21 through 25, (21 through 30 for veterans) and be at least 5'7" tall.

For applications and information about orientation programs on fire fighting and taking civil service tests, contact the Albina employment service centers. Last day to file is January 29, 1971.



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