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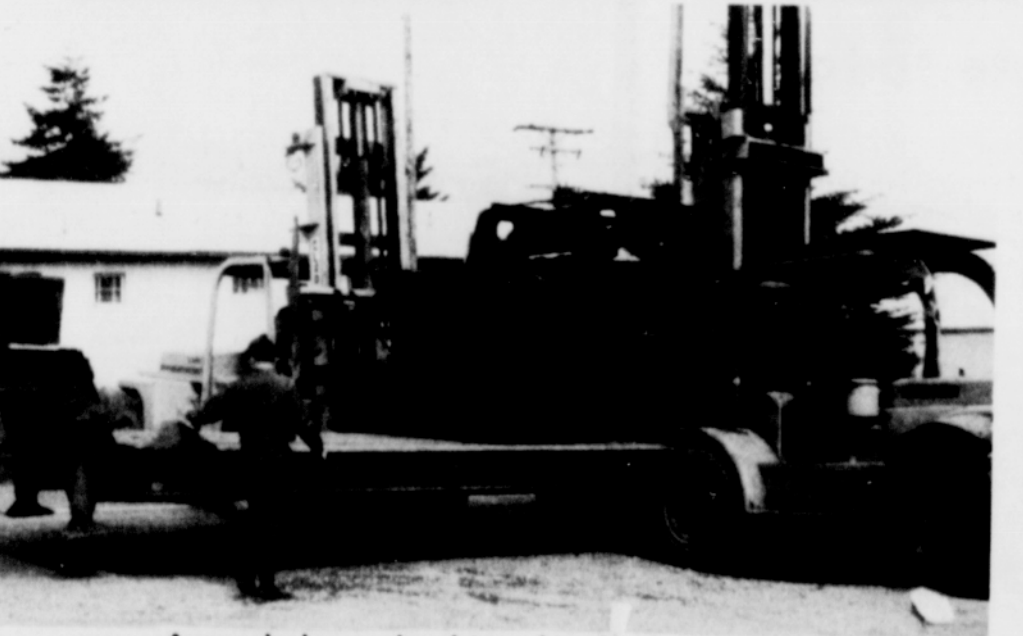
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## Employment

### insurance

told by Morgan

SALEM-- (Special)--Ross Morgan, Administrator of the Employment Division, announced today that the unemployment insurance claims level at mid-May indicates a preliminary May total unemployment rate of 6.5 percent, seasonally adjusted. This compares with the announced rate of 6.2 percent for the nation. These rates compare with a revised 6.5 percent of Oregon in April and 6.1 percent for the U.S. Oregon's April rate was revised using new seasonal factors incorporating more recent data. May, 1970 comparisons are 6.3 percent for Oregon and 5.0 percent for the U.S. Morgan noted significant April to May seasonal declines in unemployment insurance claims for construction and lumber workers, as well as in all other industries.

## Coverage ready on new safety-health law

Regardless of how few employees an employer has, if his business affects interstate commerce, he must comply with the vital new requirements of the new-in-effect Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, notes Commerce Clearing House.

This sweeping new law is expected to affect working conditions for more than four million employers and more than fifty-seven million employees. Purpose of the law is to assure workers healthful and safe working conditions and to preserve human resources.

To this end, machinery is created under the U.S. Labor Department to set up certain standards of compliance and related programs of research, education and training in occupational safety and health. The Labor Department sets mandatory safety and health standards for U.S. businesses effective April 28, 1971.

To meet the need for timely, on-target information by employers, unions, their counsel, and others concerned with the act, CCH's AUDILEX Division announces the availability of "sight-and-sound" guidance on the safety-health law.

In this new tape program, George Taylor, Executive Secretary of the AFL-CIO Standing Committee on Safety and Occupational Health, explains and clarifies the provisions of this encompassing law to provide listeners with a clear picture of exactly what the new rules mean to employers, employees and unions.

Carefully guiding listeners step-by-step through important provisions governing recordkeeping, labeling inspections, various types of standards to be established and other added responsibilities affecting employers, Mr. Taylor spells out rules regulating temporary relief measures and possible penalties for employers if working conditions are deemed substandard. Complete coverage is also given to employees' and unions' new enforceable options.

Also explored, CCH noted, are the economic implications of the Act relating to the installation of new safety equipment, bringing out-of-date industrial equipment into compliance with the new standards and other developments sure to come from this embryonic law.

## What A Life



George Jordan

About 640 high school counselors will help man local State E. S. offices during the summer youth rush, according to Assistant Secretary of Labor Malcolm R. Lovell, Jr. Temporary use of the school counselors has made it possible to meet the needs of thousands of additional job seekers resulting from the Neighborhood Youth Corps summer jobs program for disadvantaged youth, as well as others seeking jobs or career guidance.

Although funds were furnished last summer for 644 slots, Lovell said that 710 school counselors were employed because some States furnished additional funds from other sources.

Rev. Richardson is chairman of the Ad Hoc Police Community Relations Committee. His efforts and those of his committee were a first attempt on their part to become involved in the legislative process. Their success is also a success for the concept of the Legislative Action Center.

See story on page 6.

## Lt. heads unusual educational program



Lt. Jesse F. Drummer and staff members discussing program

WASHINGTON, D. C.---Navy Lieutenant Jesse F. Drummer holds an unusual and interesting position. He is head of the Navy's Academic Remedial Training Unit in San Diego, Calif. Lt. Drummer sums up his job this way, "I believe it is one which proves to be of great personal benefit to many poorly educated individuals and that makes it not only unusual but of great personal satisfaction to me."

Referred to as ART, the Academic Remedial Training Unit has the job of taking recruits who have failed tests due to a reading deficiency and teaching them to read phonetically and comprehend what they have read.

After successfully completing ART training the recruit must continue to meet normal recruit training academic standards. About 85% of the 250 Navy recruits in the ART program go on to graduate from the Recruit Training Command in San Diego each year.

In addition to Mr. Drummer, who holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from Southern University, ART is staffed with seven instructors, all having degrees in either the sciences or the arts. Some have done post graduate work within their major; others have taught in junior high school, high school and college.

Lt. Drummer who entered the Navy in 1965 as an enlisted man and later became an officer through the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate Program stated "These men have come here as losers. They expect to fail because they've failed all of their lives. They leave here with an improved reading ability and a winning attitude."

In some instances, the instructors find the men only need to be motivated. Records show one recruit was sent to the school with a reading ability of 4.95, meaning he was below a fifth grade reader. After four weeks at ART, the recruit was retested and read on a 11.2 level, just above the average 11th grader.

When asked to explain such a marked improvement, Mr. Drummer said, "Originally the man was not motivated and now that he has found that he can be successful, he wants to learn." Mr. Drummer also pointed out that the recruits usually improve their reading level by at least two grades after five weeks of intensive reading at ART.

Lt. Drummer presently resides with his wife, Shirley, and their two children at 2664 Larkin Place, San Diego. He calls Bunk, La. his home. He graduated from George Washington Carver high school in Bunk. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drummer, moved from Bunk to 802 Tulip Garden Place, Anderson, Ind.

## Change is possible in the system!

## Flammability Rules Under New Scrutiny

A member of the National Advisory Committee on the Flammable Fabrics Act predicted recently that modifications would be made in the sleepwear flammability standard proposed last November 17 by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Dr. George S. Buck, president of Ramon and a consultant to the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, speaking in Atlanta, Ga., stated, "We are recommending a labeling type thing."

Other testing recommendations according to Buck are: one ignition time, use of larger fabric specimens and standard atmosphere instead of bonedry condition be used. He said that suggestions are also being given for measuring after-flame.

Textile flammability liability suits have increased from about one a year in 1942 to about six per month.

Cameron A. Baker, director of research and development, Better Fabrics Testing Bureau Inc., urged that manufacturers continue demanding guarantees from suppliers and said that "that maintenance of good records and swatches could end a manufacturer's liability in the event he is brought to court on a flammability charge."

## Urban League scholarship

The Urban League is pleased to announce that a scholarship grant has been made to Jacqueline Debnam, a 1971 Cleveland High School graduate.

The grant was made possible by contributions from interested business firms and transmitted through the Urban League in memoriam of Clarence Debnam, a college student who was shot and killed several months ago while standing in a phone booth on Union Avenue in N. E. Portland. The Urban League had been instrumental in securing a scholarship and grant for Clarence to attend Oregon State University.

We feel Miss Debnam is a very deserving student and has continued to demonstrate academic achievement despite the adverse conditions attendant to her brother's death. She has four older brothers and sisters attending colleges or business schools and six younger brothers and sisters attending Portland elementary or high schools.

## Non-White caucus

In the Fall of 1970 at Portland State University School of Social Work, a group of students was formed that has since become known as the "non-white caucus". This group is composed of a diversity of ethnic groups - Black, Hawaiian, Indian, Chinese and Puerto Rican.

The original idea behind formation of this caucus was based on the fact that over the years, the school has not and was not meeting the needs of these students. This year marks the first year that any meaningful numbers of non-whites have been accepted in the school.

The group has been characterized in various terms. Some call them "radicals", "militants", and even "mis-fits". They view themselves as innovative and responsive to the needs of the people.

In February, 1971, the "non-white caucus" presented the School of Social Work with a position paper in which they accused the school by stating: "It is our feeling that the School of Social Work lacks the resources for the adequate development of the non-white student's unique knowledge and experiences. The inadequacies apply particularly to curriculum, admissions and recruitment, field experience and interpersonal relations."

The result of this position paper has forced the school to recognize the plight of the non-white student and to implement changes which will be beneficial to all students. Non-whites were placed on every existing committee within the school, providing them an opportunity to have input into policies that form the school. Although there is still a lot of animosity within the school, (continued page 6 col. 4)

Following the death of a three year old boy, Marion McFerran Nelson, on May 28, Dr. Walter A. Goss, Multnomah County Health Officer, ordered the closure of the Albina Child Development Center until June 7 as a precautionary measure. The cause of death was Meningococcal Meningitis. The child was last in the day care center on May 28.

Those children who were classmates of the Nelson child will be under daily surveillance by a nurse who will check for evidence of fever or other signs of illness. Prior to reopening of the center, all children who may have been in contact with the victim will have a throat culture taken to determine their fitness to return to the classroom.

The disease, Meningococcal Meningitis, is very mildly contagious, occasionally found in armed service bases. It is passed by droplets from the mouth or nose and has an incubation period of from two to 10 days. Dr. Goss said that the bacteria causing the disease is often found in the throats of healthy individuals and that is only rarely that invasion occurs to cause meningitis.

Personal hygiene is the best way to keep the disease in check. Dr. Goss emphasized that no epidemic exists nor with the precautions being taken, does he foresee any such possibility.

## Summer school enrollment open here

Summer elementary and secondary classes and driver training will be offered to Portland students this year, beginning June 21 in the Portland Public Schools.

Application materials and specific information are available in all of the Portland schools and should be completed by students and parents as soon as possible. Fees will not be collected until summer school actually begins.

Courses in most subject areas will be offered if adequate numbers of students have enrolled in music, arts and crafts, and driver training.

Tuition fees for residents of the Portland School District will be \$15 for elementary students and \$30 for high students. The fee for driver training is dependent upon action by the Oregon Legislature to continue state support to driver education. The driver training fee in Portland will be \$7.50 if state support is continued; it will be \$25 if the legislature does not approve state support for this program.

Basic elementary centers will be at Franklin - Atkinson, Grant-Laurelhurst and Wilson-Wilson Park Schools. The main center for the summer high school program will be at Lincoln High School with supplementary programs at Benson, Monroe and Franklin.

The summer elementary program is four weeks long, through July 16. The summer high school program is six weeks long, through July 30. Behind-the-wheel driver education classes will be scheduled from June 21 to August 26 with classes beginning every second week. School students will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. High School students will attend classes from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Summer program in Portland schools should be directed to building principals or Dr. Edwin Schneider, Child Service Building (220NE Beech St.) telephone 288-5361.

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San Francisco  
plan for Black  
employment

Secretary of Labor J. D. Hodgson today announced implementation of a San Francisco Plan that sets equal employment opportunity standards in the construction industry. Signing the order establishing the minority-hiring plan were Secretary Hodgson, Assistant Secretary Arthur A. Fletcher and Director John L. Wilks of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCC).

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