

## Leningrad becomes alive Duke doing His Thing



Duke Ellington

The applause began before the curtain went up on "C-Jam Blues" at the opening night of Duke Ellington's five week tour of the Soviet Union.

The Russians bought out the 4,200 seat OKTYABRSKAYA (October) Theater in Leningrad for the five night running.

Hundreds jammed the aisles, whistling, cheering and clapping wildly.

Ellington's program was a mixture of classic big band numbers like "A Train" and more pieces like "Harlem Suite" which he dedicated to U.S. Ambassadors to Moscow, Jacob Beam, who was seated in the sixth row.

The audience favorites were, "Perdido," "I Can't Get Started With You," "Don't Get Around Much Any More," and "Satin Doll."

When the program ended, the clapping didn't stop until after an hour of encores.

Ellington brought down the house with an improvised version of the old Russian love song, "Dark Eyes".

"You're very beautiful, you're very sweet, very generous," the Duke told the Russians. They burst into happy laughter when he rolled out his slogan, "I love you madly," in Russian.

It was a fitting opening for the tour which includes stops in Kiev, Minsk, Rostov-on-Don and will wind up with a four night stand in Moscow.

Ellington's band is the first big American jazz band to visit the U.S.S.R., since Benny Goodman's visit in 1962.

## Contracts for Blacks recommended

Representative Warren J. Mitchell (Dem. - Maryland) told a meeting of the National Association of Black Manufacturers, Inc., in St. Louis, that the federal government should set aside a certain percentage of its contracts for black-operated companies. The black congressman suggested that blacks' share of the government contracts be increased to \$5 billion a year by 1976. Currently blacks receive about \$28 million of the total \$100 billion.

Mitchell said the key to this goal is to set aside funds as recommended by the Congressional Black Caucus, whereby all contractors on federally supported programs would be required to set aside a portion of the sub-contracts for minority companies.

He said similar goals should be pursued in state and local contracts and with private industry. He recommended a minimum of one-third of the expenditures of cities go to black companies, especially in those cities with large black populations.

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## Day Care Father



Elthue Johnson is one of a growing number of concerned adults in the Albina Community who has opened his home for the care of small children. Mr. Johnson shares the responsibility of providing day care for the children with his wife, Alma, under the auspices of the A.M.A., sponsored 4-C Family Day & Night Care Program.

Originally from Texas, the Johnsons are quiet, easy going people who came to Portland in 1943. They grew fond of the area and Mr. Johnson became involved in business here. For the past eight years he has been owner of the Baldwin Sanitary Service which he recently sold. He and his wife, who are home owners in the Albina Community, are now

semi-retired although he is still somewhat involved in the sanitation service and is speculating in other business ventures.

The Johnsons have always had a great fondness for children, though they have none of their own. Mrs. Johnson began caring for children while in her teens. Since that time she has cared for many children in her own home and the homes of other families. In 1965 Mr. & Mrs. Johnson were certified by the Boys and Girls Aid Society as foster parents. In addition to their involvement in the family day and night care program the Johnsons are active members of the Albina Church of Christ.

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based firm, which has recently opened offices in Portland, will work with the residents on comprehensive planning related to the housing and physical environment of the area.  
Pierce-Ramey has opened an Elliot site office at 3606 N. Williams. Representatives will meet with area residents at the September 22nd meeting of the Elliot Neighborhood Program Association to outline their working relationship with the citizens and begin the planning process.

## Falcon Soccer



Falcon soccer team members from Bishop Dagwell Hall - Bill Morersch, Ken Wilkenson, Charles Seaborn.

## House rehabilitated

The Portland Development Commission and Portland School District No. 1 are co-operating in an unusual project to rehabilitate a house in the Albina area. The house is an extremely run-down dwelling at 4707 N. Congress in the Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project, which was purchased by the Development Commission.

Under terms of a contract awarded to the School District today, the house will be rehabilitated as part of a Home Construction Program at Adams High School, utilizing student workers.

The school has hired contractor Frank E. Gill to act as instructor in the course designed to accommodate twenty students. If possible, students with previous experience in construction courses will be given priority. Ten students will work at the job site in the morning, and the other ten in the afternoon. The Development Commission will supply the materials necessary for renovation. The cost of the materials will be subtracted from the contract amount, which totals \$4,915.

After rehabilitation is completed, the house will be placed on the market and sold at its appraised value.

Draperies and bedspreads are essentials but they needn't be dull. Instead of buying the usual, shop the linen departments for color-bright striped and printed sheets, no-iron, of course. Don't be shy. Keep in mind that today's look is color-plus-pattern. If you're handy with scissors and tape, try making curtains and spreads from lightweight plastic vinyl, again thinking of color.

## Town Hall meeting

Discussion was lively when the Citizens' Advisory Committee participated in another "Town Hall" meeting at the Sellwood Center. Among those in attendance were residents of the Center and the neighborhood, PSU students, and members of the Portland Wheelman bicycling club.

Of major concern were the issues of transportation and air pollution. Many older or infirm people have limited mobility as pedestrians, are unable to drive, and may be dependent on transit to reach Downtown for medical care and other services. Better transit circulation Downtown was called for.

Bus fares were considered far too high for those on low and fixed incomes. Shelter and seating at bus stops and frequently of service were considered inadequate. Special services to projects like Sellwood Center, such as a bus-ride once a week to the YMCA to swim, are desired but lacking. The point was made that the pollution level in the core is especially hard on many of those who require medical services Downtown.

Bicycles and bicycle paths which service the Downtown area and provide access to it from the neighborhood were considered an important alternative to the automobile. Even older people found the idea attractive, with the availability of a 3-wheel ten speed with umbrella and shopping basket.

The river was described by one speaker as "ideal for transit", as speeds of up to 100 mph could be reached. But the objection was raised: "You can't fish at those speeds." There was a general consensus that a Farmer's Market on or near the Waterfront would make it a very alive and interesting specialty shops and the personal touch in service were given a high rating.

## Enrollment dips in Schools

Portland Public Schools have 3,239 fewer students, according to semi-final enrollment figures released September 13.

Dr. Harold A. Kleiner, deputy superintendent of schools, told the Portland Board of Education the district has 71,285 students compared to a corresponding figure of 74,524 one year ago.

The district's elementary schools registers 48,958 students since the 1971-72 academic year started September 7. This is 1,744 fewer than last year. Secondary schools signed up 22,327, some 1,495 fewer than last year.

Projected enrollments for this year were 50,407 in elementary, 23,333 in secondary schools. Total combined projected enrollment was 73,740—or 2,455 more than this year's actual semi-final enrollment total.

Final enrollment totals will not be available until October 1. The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION says dirty smeared up windows are easily fogged over these cool September mornings. Keep your window glass clean and wipe off condensation before you start driving -- at least you can see what you're missing.

School zone signs take on added significance this month as thousands of Portland youngsters return to the classroom. Some go early—others stay late for school activities...so the PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION urges motorists to slow down at ALL school signs, regardless of the time of day.

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