

## Legislative Reapportionment

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munity of Albina, and at the next meeting two spokesmen appeared, and both were against creating a single semi-black district. The House Elections Sub-committee minutes of February 20, 1969, contain the following paragraph:

"Mr. Thomas Wilson testified. He opposed HB 1283. He wanted it known that the Black people didn't want any special consideration and they were doing something about the situation in their own way. The black community wanted a 'grass roots' representative that the people had confidence in. Mr. Wilson was not in favor of a single member sub-district for either white or black communities."

No contrary opinion was expressed then, nor was one given during the five and one-half months the 1971 legislature was in session, or during the 15 day "open door" period held by the Secretary of State to receive reapportionment suggestions from all parts of the state of Oregon.

We more than doubled, in our plan, the non-white and Black political clout in creating districts that concentrate

nearly 90% of the Black community in three senate and three house districts, rather than the old dispersal among eight senate and seven house seats. And, the poor people, who almost never have elected members from their own community whether north or southeast Portland, now have, for the first time, several single-member districts where they live, without being submerged under the more affluent voters in Alameda, Mt. Tabor, Eastmoreland or the West side.

As a member of the NAACP and a worker for black equality for more than 20 years, and as one who has campaigned for black candidates in Portland, I believe we must work together for full and equal representation. I did the best I could for the Model Cities Community, without discriminatory segregation, and within the census tract information available from the Federal government and the requirement for complete population equality.

If, in preparation of a potential brief before a Federal court, it can be demonstrated that minority representation

could be further enhanced and improved by adjusting certain lines, then you would have my wholehearted support and encouragement.



Harold Williams and A. Lee Henderson discuss the reapportionment with sec'y of state Clay Myers at Bethel last Monday.



We are listening, but . . . . .



Why weren't we asked about this?



Left to right: Aaron Mitchell, Geraldine Irving, Clay Myers and Harold Williams.



Rachel Bagley, Home Economic staff is always cheerful. (Story on page 1)

### Students get behind wheel

Portland high school students soon put driving theory into practice - thanks to \$135,000 in federal funding.

A grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation approved and sponsored by the Portland and Oregon Traffic Safety Commissions allows the year-round comprehensive program to begin in early November.

Dr. Edwin Schneider, superintendent's associate for district program in Portland Public Schools, said the funds will cover equipment and operation expenses without additional cost to the school district taxpayers.

The program provides for student use of 16 driving-simulation units, behind-the-wheel training and other classroom aids. Previous training covered only classroom instruction during the regular school year.

Dr. Schneider said the program will benefit some 4,500 students during its first year of operation. Later phases of the program will include the use of special driving ranges.

Three automobiles will be provided free of charge by the Portland Automobile Dealers Association, Dr. Schneider said.

The program staff includes three teachers for the driving-simulation units and 11 teachers for behind-the-wheel instruction. All are regular employees of the district.

Each high school will host the driving-simulation units and automobiles for 24 continuous instructional days.

Students enrolled in the program must be at least 15 years old and hold a learner's permit. They also must complete the classroom phase of the program before taking behind-the-wheel training, Dr. Schneider said.

## Prince Hall Activities



Butler gives acceptance speech. Left to right: Jim L. Wasson, Mrs. Dorothy Vickers, Mrs. Alice Butler, V. Butler, Dept. of Oregon, Tom Vickers.



Elijah Graham, M. W. Grand Master of the State of Oregon, and P. H. A. Russell S. Gideon, G.M.S.N.J.



John Blow, General Chairman of the "Testimonial Dinner" and the Lawyers Committee raps it to a close.

## Mississippi Reapportionment Suit

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a federal suit against the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, charging that their re-drawing of county supervisor districts violates the Voting Rights Act. The suit, filed Sept. 14 in Jackson, asks that a three-judge panel order the supervisors to redraw the lines, but does not ask that the upcoming county election be delayed until that has been done.

According to a Justice Department spokesman, Hinds County held two primary elections in August on the basis of the new districts, despite the "entering of a valid objection to the plan" by Attorney General John N. Mitchell on July 14. Section five of the Voting Rights Act requires that any changes in voting regulations, requirements and procedures be submitted in advance to either the attorney general or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for "prior approval."

The attorney general objected to the redistricting--which was ordered in 1969 by a federal court on the basis that the old districts violated "one man, one vote" rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court--because "the proposed changes appear to dilute black voting strength in the City of Jackson." Prior to the redistricting, at least two supervisor districts were majority black; after the redistricting, all five districts were majority white.

The Hinds County suit is considered extremely important by civil rights attorneys for two reasons. First, the case will test whether court-ordered redistricting is subject to the "prior approval" provisions of the Voting Rights Act. The Justice Department

for Civil Rights Under Law--which had filed a separate suit seeking to have the primaries thrown out and the county election delayed until new lines could be drawn--say that court-ordered redistricting is subject to review by the Attorney General. Hinds County says it is not.

Second, civil rights lawyers feel the Justice Department has waited too long and is asking for far too little by way of remedies. They say privately that Justice's entering the case after the primaries were held, and its failure to ask for a delay in the Nov. 3 county election are evidence of a lack of concern for the rights of black voters. Hinds County contends that the attorney general's failure to object to the plan within 60 days makes the redistricting valid.

The Justice Department spokesman said that although

the department was not specifically asking for such a ruling in the case, the three-judge panel would probably issue an order similar to the one handed down in Issaquena County. That order permitted elections on the basis of illegally drawn supervisor districts, but required that another election be held--on proper districts--within one year.

Ironically, the Justice Department's only involvement in the Issaquena case was as a "friend of the court," not as an active participant in the case. The bulk of the legal work was handled by the Lawyers Committee. In the Hinds County case, where it is likely that the Justice Department suit and the Lawyers Committee suit will be consolidated, a spokesman for the Lawyers Committee said, "We're glad to have them with us."

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