

# 'A BLACK DREAM' Black voting power grows

by Elizabeth Ann Churchwell

For Twenty-Two years, I've lived in a Dream Society Called Portland, Oregon. To be Black and Proud was quite a thrill - But when I awoke my mind draws a blank, and I soon began to wonder what kind of society should I give thanks for when I pray night and day.....

I walk the streets day by day, I see smiling faces of all nationalities - some good - some bad - some rich - some poor, and then I really wonder if this is what we called really together.....

People have often emphasized the fact that all of us should walk with our head up high - keeping our mouth shut, for our own good - don't talk unless its to save your life or to say Yes Sir, or maybe Yes Ma'am. But the important thing to remember is mind your business and no one else, and you'll always be glad to be happy.....

Of course our people only know a few places to go, the first place we think of is "GENEVAS", where we can get it really together, pick up a drink, a lady? a man? and of course alot of conversation - Gossip.

But dig if we want to get down we can always go to the Key-Hole, the Turquoise room and a few other black and white places, to, as our Black men say, dig the sound, but is that true? or is all this called escape or sneaky??????????

There are alot of why's, what's and because's in Portland, but the main one is we're together. We've had more violence in Portland and dying then we'll ever dream of the years to come or coming months may surprise us all in alot of ways good and bad. I'm just dreaming I know but I want to see a better Portland, Land of many opportunities for all nationalities and better facilities for all our people, black and white, especially the poor. And it wouldn't hurt to add a little entertainment for a change, like real entertainment.

Right now all we need to do is stop dreaming and make the best of things in the open cause really I just woke up and it seemed like I had a hang over and it wasn't from drinking, it's from "seeing our city, on the real real side."

WAKE UP PEOPLE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE.

Since the passage of the Voter Rights Act in 1965, blacks in the South have turned out to vote in numbers, bringing social and political progress.

There are about 10.3 million blacks in the eleven states of the South, making up one-fourth of the total population. Approximately three million blacks have registered to vote.

Today blacks are electing blacks to important positions in urban centers as well as in rural areas. They are electing whites also, with the black voting power being instrumental in the election of the new group of more moderate governors.

There are more than 700 black elected officials in the eleven Southern states, among them 28 mayors and 40 legislators. There are black mayors in the predominately white cities of Chapel Hill, N. C., and Gainesville, Florida; there are a liberal white mayor and a black vice mayor in Atlanta. Only Arkansas has no black legislators.

Black officials feel that they are effective, especially in modifying the traditional white attitudes toward blacks and in demonstrating to other blacks that there are political opportunities. Formerly, when blacks looked at government it was all black.

There are also hazards. Rev. Ralph Abernathy explained that most black officials are elected with a significant number of white votes, which has a tendency to cause black elected officials to be moderate in their programs. Also, as blacks increase their representation, whites tend to change the rules to dilute their power.

## Prisoners Sue State

A damage suit asking for more than \$31 million has been filed on behalf of 205 convicts allegedly held in isolation cells without formal charges was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

The suit names five San Quentin inmates who were locked in solitary confinement and remain there "for absolutely no reason" following the killing of George Jackson on Aug. 21st. A suit also covers about 200 other inmates in California prisons.

The suit, which asks for an injunction against the asserted unlawful detention practices against the asserted unlawful asks for \$25,000 in compensatory damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages for each of the five named prisoners. Attorney Charles Garry said his five clients were locked up "on the mere suspicion of 'militance' or because they were otherwise identified with the radical left. Since then they have still not been notified of any specific charges against them."

Garry charged that his clients chances for parole have been seriously damaged.

## PCC launches legal program

Arthur L. Tarlow, Beaverton attorney and former Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, is helping to pioneer a new Legal Technology career program at Portland Community College. Tarlow, currently in private practice with Myatt, Bolliger, Hampton, and Freerksen of Beaverton and on the resident faculty of the National College of District Attorneys, teaches "Administration and Organization of Judicial Agencies" each Tuesday evening at PCC's Sylvania center in southwest Portland. He describes the course as a general introduction to judicial structure, administration, and legal history. Forty students are enrolled in Tarlow's class which is one of two initial PCC offerings aimed at training people for careers in the legal profession. A second course, "Estates and Trusts" which has an enrollment of 35 students is taught by Dr. Harold Wren, Dean of the Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College.

When questioned on the need for the new program, Tarlow said, "Lawyers are facing the reality that legal assistants are necessary to the economic survival of attorneys, and national and local effort is being made to train assistants. Portland Community College is one of the first to utilize its facilities to promote education, training, and cooperation between legal secretaries associations and the bar associations. PCC has realized the need for this program and has gotten involved."

Legal Technology at Portland Community College will expand during 1971-72 to provide a continuing program which will prepare students for legal careers. There will be a core of fundamental skills courses which all students will take or challenge. After acquiring basic skills and knowledge of legal procedures, a student may branch to one of several specialties - court administrator, working with judges in administering the court system; investigator, working for private firms, insurance companies, or law enforcement agencies; legal assistant, a legal professional working under

the direct supervision of an attorney in the completion of legal assignments; and legal secretary, a secretary spe-



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cializing in legal clerical procedures. Students of pre-law may transfer two years of study at PCC to any four-year college or university. All legal technology courses are interrelated so that students may easily change specialties if they wish.

Instrumental in the development of PCC's Legal Technology Program is an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee composed of judges, private practicing attorneys, law office managers, the staff of Northwestern School of Law, the Multnomah and Washington counties Legal Secretaries Associations, and court clerks.

As Mr. Tarlow says, "There is a surprisingly large number of law offices which have committed themselves to having legal assistants. We are only beginning the necessary training and development of these para-professionals - in fact, I'm sure we have yet to realize their full potential of service to the legal profession."

## Controversial Educator killed

The Liberty Bell was originally ordered to commemorate a declaration called the William Penn Charter of Privileges, issued in 1701. The bell was to be used to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that charter in 1751.

Dr. James E. Allen, former U.S. Education Commissioner, was killed in an airplane crash in Arizona on October 16th. Dr. Allen, who was appointed by President Nixon, served for 18 months. He resigned in June of 1970 under pressure because of his statements advocating school desegregation and deploring U.S. military activities in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Allen's opposition to Nixon's policies came as no surprise to many who knew him as a man of outspoken conviction and an expert politician who had come through many controversies unscathed.

At the time Nixon was making clear that de facto segregation was not of government concern, Dr. Allen was speaking out against all forms of racial discrimination. He criticized the U.S. invasion of Cambodia as "disastrous" to education and said it has shaken the confidence of millions of citizens in this government. He refused to penalize college students involved in demonstrations; advocated busing of children to achieve racial desegregation; and present for recognition of education as a top national priority.

As New York State Commissioner of Education, he was involved in many controversies. He came out against school prayer; in 1968 he imposed a busing plan on Malverne which is still controversial; in 1968 he proposed decentralization of New York City schools that eventually touched off a teacher strike and widespread disturbance in Ocean Hill - Brownsville; he set up a program ranging from kindergarten through adult education; he began a series of Community Colleges; he granted aid to parochial schools; and he proposed an education bill that provided \$52 million for big city schools.

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