

Tremendous gain for minorities

"It is time to call a halt to pessimism, negativism, doubt in our society... time for a renewal of confidence and faith in the promise of America. And this is as true for blacks as for whites," declares Latrice Coleman, Chicago divisional manager for Waddell & Reed, Inc., who notes that "slow as it may sometimes seem blacks are making tremendous gains." Coleman

himself is black. His company is a Kansas City-based national financial services complex which manages and sponsors the United Funds and United with assets of approximately \$2.6 billion and more than 500,000 shareholder accounts. "In the investment community, seldom a day goes by without a reference to the lack of investor and consumer confidence," Coleman observes. "There is no disputing that we are still in the midst of an unwanted and unpopular war, racial problems, student unrest, high crime rates, drug abuse and pollution of the environment. However, there is also no disputing that the elements that made this country the proud nation it is today are still present; and we must use them. Unfortunately, many Americans — far too many blacks — often fail to realize the great strides that have been made and those that are on the horizons."

Coleman can cite many recent and projected gains for black Americans: Blacks today own and operate 4.5 per cent of all businesses in the United States. In the past two years alone, the number of black-owned and operated businesses has increased by approximately 200,000... more than 97,000 jobs for men, nearly 92,000 jobs for women... The median income of Negro families in which both husband and wife work is now virtually equal to that of comparable white families, in the Northern and Western United States.

In 1960, only nine per cent of black families had purchasing power above \$10,000 (in 1969 dollars). Today, the proportion is about 27 per cent — an increase of more than 270 per cent.

National median income of black families climbed 108 per cent between 1960 and 1970, to about \$6,660. Negro median income is rising at the annual rate of 7.6 per cent, compared with slightly over six per cent for whites. By 1975, the black median will be \$9,606 and, by 1980, should be \$13,855... Ten years ago, over 50 per cent of black families had incomes at or below the poverty level; by 1970, fewer than one-third were in this category and the percentage continues to drop. Most of the poverty-level families are in the South, and rural... Between 1960 and 1970, the number of blacks in the work force increased about 22 per cent; their employment in professional, technical and clerical occupations climbed more than 100 per cent.

Two out of every five housing units occupied by blacks are owned by them... In 1970, 56 per cent of all young black adults 25-29 years old had completed high school, compared with only 38 per cent in 1960... Between 1965 and 1970, the number of blacks 18-24 years old enrolled in college almost doubled. The number of blacks graduating from four-year colleges is expected to exceed 10 per cent of the white college enrollment by 1980.

By 1973, about 78 per cent of all black men entering high school will graduate... Incomes are higher for younger blacks. In 1970, family heads between 25 and 34 were earning \$6,994 annually; by 1975, they will earn \$10,016 a year and, by 1980, the level will reach \$14,446... In 1962, the number of Negroes elected to national office equaled four Congressmen; by 1970, 13 Congressmen and one Senator were black. Only 52 blacks sat in state legislatures in 1962; the figure today is 198. There are now 81 black mayors and 1,570 other elected black officials across the country — approximately half of them in the South. "These figures are encouraging to all our citizens, regardless of race," Coleman concludes, "and are making obvious the great promise of America."



Marine Artist here

USMCRS Portland, Ore., Dec. 13 — Artists are everywhere in one form or another, whether with a paint brush or other materials at hand.

The Marine Corps is no exception and a prime example of this was in Portland last week.

Staff Sergeant James A. Fairfax, a Marine Corps Artist, appeared at the American Vocational Association convention at the Coliseum. He also appeared at Adams and Jefferson High Schools and on KATU-TV.

"I was designated a Marine Corps Artist in 1968 and I'm one of only a few active career Marines in the field."

In the last few years, the 13-year-Marine veteran, has had many paintings and drawings accepted into the Marine

Corps Art Collection. "Most of the art is used as display material, telling the Marine Corps story, in art shows, exhibits, fairs, galleries, and publications throughout the country," Fairfax commented. "Some though are kept on permanent display at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C."

While in Portland, Staff Sergeant Fairfax displayed some examples of Marine Corps Art, along with his latest work entitled "Christmas Tree."

"I saw these Montinanyard troops from the First Mobile Strike Force while I was in Vietnam in 1969. The scene really struck me so I made some sketches and photos and just recently finished the

painting." Gunnery Sergeant Bruce Broussard and Staff Sergeant Cal Braxton, Portland recruiters, accompanied Staff Sergeant Fairfax during his Portland visit.

George Page, host of the "Third World" television show on KATU-TV interviewed Fairfax, and he made video tape presentations to the art classes of Adams and Jefferson High Schools.

Staff Sergeant Fairfax works as an illustrator and graphic arts man at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C., and came to Portland for the American Vocational Association convention. He was featured in the May, 1970 edition of Ebony Magazine.

Earth numbers

The inhabitants of Earth totaled about 3.7 billion at mid 1971, according to figures from the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., in Washington, D.C., 74 million more people than the previous year.

Overall, the world's current annual growth rate is 2 percent which means that the human race gains 200,000 members daily. At the present rate of increase, world population

will double in 35 years.

The highest growth rate in the world — 2.9 percent — belongs to Latin America. But Asia, with a growth rate of 2.3 percent and 2.1 billion people, adds the most numbers to population — 48,000,000 last year. The U.S. has a 1.1 percent rate, up from 1.0 percent the year before. By mid-1971 we had 2,300,000 more citizens than mid-1970.

It's oftentimes the little things that cause traffic crashes. The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION says a little too much to drink; a little too much speed; or, maybe, even a little error in judgement can cause a BIG crash. How about using just a little defensive driving to show you through the holidays this year.

Shelter for pets required

Cold weather is here and pet owners should not forget their pets, according to Gene Burgess, executive director of Oregon's SPCA. Adequate shelter is a must for all domestic animals as well as food and water.

Now is the time to check over your pet's quarters and make any necessary repairs to insure they are warm, dry, and draft-free. Oregon law provides that an owner must provide adequate food, water and shelter for pets and under a new law passed by the last legislature, provides that a peace officer may obtain a seizure order and impound any animals that are being neglected. Hundreds of animals suffer and die each winter as a result of owners not heeding in time cold weather care for their pets. Free pet care booklets are available at the Oregon Humane Society & SPCA. Cases of animal neglect or cruelty should be reported to your nearest law enforcement agency and the Oregon Humane Society at 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland, phone 283-0641.

The Justice Department estimates that upwards of \$1.5 billion is stolen annually from transportation facilities. Truck lines are said to be the chief victims, losing about \$900 million a year to hijackers who make liquor, cigarettes, and furs their primary targets.

Drinking drivers are involved in more than half of the fatal Christmas season accidents. The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION says, "Promise Not To Kill Anybody This Holiday — If You Drink, Don't Drive."

Traffic accidents call this month Deadly December. That means bad driving conditions, more holiday partying and more traffic. The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION urges you all to drive more defensively during the holiday season.

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