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Coalition formed

The formation of a national coalition of major civil rights groups to launch a national comprehensive economic program for non-whites is being urged by Roy Wilkins and Rev. Jesse Jackson. The immediate goal, according to Rev. Jackson, will be a summit meeting of the heads of major civil rights groups including the Urban League, SCLC, The United Negro College Fund, CORE, The National Council of Negro women. In the meantime Jackson and Wilkins will be developing an "organizational relationship" between the NAACP and PUSH. "By building a civil rights caucus," Rev. Jackson said, "we will have a substance or a positive approach toward launching nationwide programs as well as providing an opportunity to gain insight and information about each other's programs. "Mr. Wilkins agreed that it is imperative to pull together these groups if we are to have a profound effect on the issue of economic security, which involves jobs and money, and to have any effect on the political outcome of 1972."

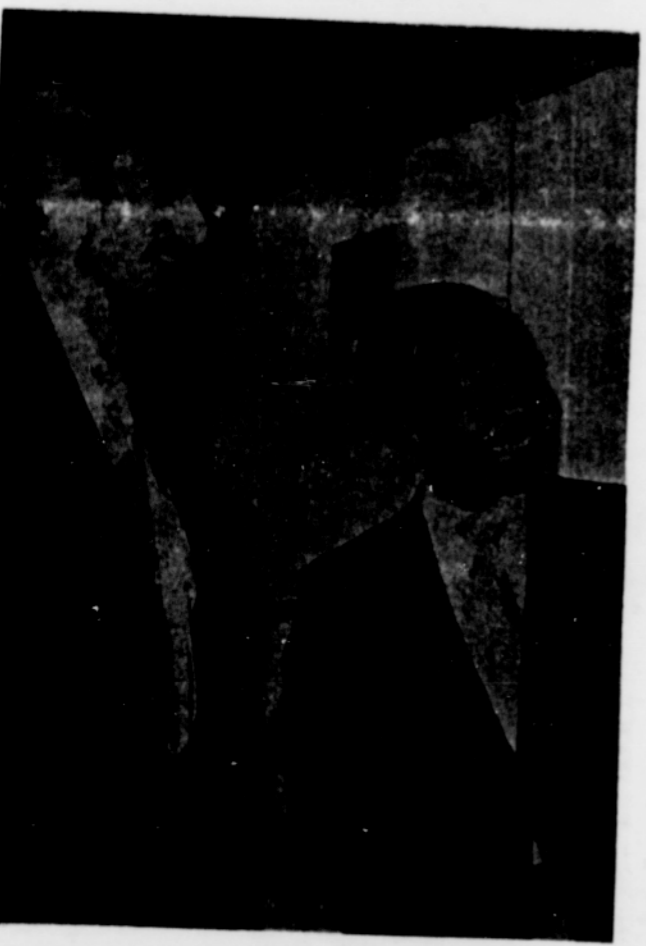


What happened to this young girl?

Two policemen turn the corner into a dimly lit alley where the only sound is the crying of a young girl huddled by two trash cans . . . a patrol team is called to a run down motel to apprehend a known felon who may have a hostage.

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Model Cities - Emanuel Hospital liaison committee formed



Robert Rogers of the Model Cities Citizens' Planning Board has been elected chairman of the liaison committee working with Emanuel Hospital on its long-range development program. Rogers, assistant director of manpower and training for the Columbia-Oregon chapter of the Associated General Contractors, will be assisted by Roger Larson, Emanuel executive vice president, named vice chairman, and Lee Kell, Portland attorney and also a member of the Model Cities CPB, secretary. Educational programs, employment opportunities and community services at Emanuel will be among key concerns of the liaison committee, spokesmen said, particularly as they relate to minority residents of the area. Committee sessions are planned monthly.

Others participating in the re-organized committee have been Fred Flowers Jr., chairman of the Model Cities Citizens' Planning Board; Charles Jordan, director; Harry C. Ward, Jackie Deyampert, all of the CPB; and Carl Halvorson, Donald Markman and the Rev. James Oslund of the Emanuel Board of Directors; Paul R. Hanson, president; Oscar Gustafson Jr., Walter Behn, the Rev. William F. Adix, Constance Fisher, Barbara C. Peoples and James C. Forkner Jr., all of the Emanuel Hospital staff.

Day Care Conference scheduled

Portland and Multnomah County will jointly sponsor a one-day conference Saturday, Feb. 26, on public day care programs locally. The conference, to be at Portland State University, was announced Tuesday by City Commissioner Neil Goldschmit and County Commissioner Donald Clark. The conference will pull together community leaders toward a goal of improving local child day care programs. Presently, about 3,000 children are served by public day care programs at a total cost of \$2 million yearly. However, only 8 per cent of the city's primary schools have extended day care programs for the children of working parents.

An interview with a legislator

by Douglas Parker Staff Reporter

Guided by the aspirations of Portland's citizens, State Representative Keith Burns is one of those valuable leaders in our community who is intently concerned about the development of local human resources. Democrat Burns has helped draft or lobby for every piece of Civil Rights legislation in existence in Oregon. He has served on the Executive Board of the NAACP for fifteen years and as its volunteer legal counsel for six years. He has also served as an adviser to the Adult Literacy Project and the Portland Urban Indian Federation.

The Greater Portland Council of Churches awarded Keith Burns a Certificate of Appreciation for his "service to mankind and his concern for the suffering of the poor and equal rights for all men." The 44 year-old attorney is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College and Northwestern School of Law. While in school he supported himself as a waiter and sailed as a merchant seaman. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. For 3-1/2 years he was Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. Courts in Oregon. Burns, once a deputy district attorney for Multnomah County, was one of the leaders of the campaign to abolish the death penalty in this state. For many years the Burns family has lived in south Portland in the old Fulton Park area near the Sellwood Bridge.

When Keith Burns first went to the Legislature an editorial in the State's largest newspaper acclaimed his appointment as providing the area with a member who has a great knowledge of the city's problems. Former President of Beaches Forever, Representative Burns was almost alone in receiving a 100% rating from the Oregon Environmental Council during the last session of the Legislature. He served



REPRESENTATIVE KEITH BURNS

on the important Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Urban Affairs.

In speaking to a student audience last month Burns said, "We have only scratched the surface in eliminating discrimination against our racial minorities in Oregon, and we are just beginning our effort to combat discrimination against women."

The legislator believes that until there is tax reform School District voters may never again pass a budget measure. "The people," according to Burns, "will continue to vote against any ballot measure that increases property taxes because it is not based upon the ability to pay and is therefore unfair." Keith Burns has for many

years been involved in programs to improve the effectiveness of our local government and to achieve needed regional planning and services. He has been a leader in the efforts to provide new facilities for a modern jail, a reorganized municipal court, and to satisfy the space needs for our city and county governments.

Because of the recent Supreme Court Decision regarding reapportionment, the experienced Burns is able to return to Salem as a lawmaker only if he represents senate district six. Keeping Keith Burns in the Legislature as a State Senator will make south Portland one of the most effectively represented areas in the state.

Peoples appointed by Governor McCall

Mrs. Clara Peoples, director of the Community Care Association, was appointed by Governor Tom McCall to serve on the State Board of Agriculture. The nine member board serves in an advising capacity to the State Department of Agriculture which does long-range planning and development of Oregon's agricultural resources, conducts authorized inspectional, regulatory and market development work.

The nine members serve 6 year terms. Seven of the members represent the agriculture industry and the 1971 Legislature added two positions to represent consumers. Mrs. Peoples was appointed to one of the consumer positions. The other position



CLARA PEOPLES was filled by Lorna Gilmore of Salem, who has served on the consumers' advising council to the Department of Agriculture. Other appointments to fill vacancies are Garland Minder, a cattle man from Prarie City and Robert Humphreys, Silverton, who is a grass seed grower and raises sheep.



Daphne Woods elected Jeff president

Daphne Lee Woods was elected Student Body President of Jefferson High School. She is the first girl to hold this office for twenty years. Miss Woods was born on January 20, 1954, in Portland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Woods. She has a brother, Leonardo, age 10, and a sister, Margo, age 10. (continued p. 6 col. 1)

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