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when 94 percent of all Blacks voted Democratic, Blacks comprised only 2 percent of the entire national convention, thirteen states and three territories still had no Black delegates or alternatives whatsoever, and fifteen had no voting delegates. Another eleven states had only one Black member, and six more had three or less." Ohio ranked near the bottom of the list for Black participation by carrying only 3 percent of Black delegates to the convention. Even the state of Mississippi carried a delegation to the convention that was 50 percent Black. This same discriminatory situation was equally acute at the Republican national convention. Out of the 2,666 delegates and alternates who assembled in Miami, only 76 or 2.4 percent were Black. Of these only 26 or 1.9 percent, were actually voting delegates.

These facts clearly say to me and to other Black people that there is nothing inherently responsive about the label Democrat, nor the label Republican. Black people can ill afford "belonging" if the only things they get out of "belonging" is to be able to say "I belong."

In the words of one of our outstanding congressmen, Bill Clay of Missouri, Black people have no alternative except to adopt the political philosophy that "we have no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests." The young people, black and white, are going to be testing the system next year as it has never been tested before. They can be with us. They certainly won't be with the Democratic party unless we are there to welcome them to it.

In this process of developing and expanding our meaningful participation in the political processes, I would suggest that you look to those who have had experience and who have demonstrated political and organizational success. This is not a game for the personally ambitious. This is not the civil rights struggle repeating itself. Politics is tough. Good rhetoric, good looks, don't mean you can get elected dog-catcher. And don't round up a lot of entertainers, football players and performing artists - God love 'em - and permit them to make political decisions. They can help you raise funds by giving a concert, but unless you have the folks registered to vote, unless you know how to get the voters out on election day and know that the ones you get out will vote right, unless you know how to count precincts and wards and counties and delegates and electoral votes, you may end up with pleasant memories of a campaign, but you won't end up in office. I say that even though some of my best friends are actors and singers.

So it is a political emancipation proclamation that I present to you today. I submit to you that we do not have to continue being the unrewarded servants of either major political party; that we can obtain a full voice, full recognition, full strength, full power in the decisions, in the actions of the political processes of our country. Obviously I am not advocating or proposing a third party. George Wallace has that. Or a fourth party. The history in this country of minority parties is not a history of success, and success is what we mean to have.

But I am proposing the end of political voluntary servitude. We will accomplish this by developing and understanding the power which will come through coalition politics. We will accomplish this by focusing on issues, by demanding solutions to the problems which beset our country, by holding as our only commitment the following:

First, that Black elected officials and Black voters, Republican and Democrat, make no commitment to any of the announced or easily draftable candidates for president.

Second, that Black voters concern themselves with issues, not personalities. Force the would-be candidates to talk about issues. Are they for public housing in the suburbs, busing to achieve quality education, guaranteed health care, minimum income maintenance, getting out of Vietnam now, drastic reduction of defense spending, agricultural research and postponement of the space program until mass transit needs are met, welfare reform, revenue sharing, citizen participation and community control, the reordering of national priorities and direct federal-city funding with a massive domestic Marshall Plan for our own country.

Third, that Black voters in their respective states start now in the process of deciding upon delegates to next year's political party conventions. This will vary from state to state.

Fourth, develop communication now with other political minority groups as the issues are framed and common interests identified for coalition purposes.

Last, that your delegates go to the conventions next year with a full understanding of why they are there to represent us, not to snatch at some crumb offered them by the old line organization; and that they be unequivocally committed on the issues and on the full compliance with the selection processes.

## Black Journal special scheduled

A special 90-minute "Black Journal" on Channel 10, Tuesday, February 8 at 9:30 p.m. will be framed around the crucial question of whether or not the physical and cultural survival of black people in America is possible. Attitudes of black Americans in many parts of the country will be surveyed through phone-ins. Participants, who

will answer questions and will also make position statements will include - Ralph Abernathy, president, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Representative Ronald Dellums (D. - Cal.); Imamu Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones); Dr. James Cheek, president, Howard University; Dick Gregory and others.

## Race track bus runs

Tri-Met will be "off and running" to and from Portland Meadows Saturday, Feb. 5 when the 1972 horse race season gets underway, Tri-Met General Manager Tom King has announced.

Coordinated with the race schedule, buses will leave S.W. 6th Avenue and Morrison Street starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday nights. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the first buses will leave at 11:45 a.m.

Buses will travel via the Steel Bridge to the N. Williams Avenue and Broadway entrance of the Freeway, picking up passengers along N.W. 6th, N.W. Everett and N. Williams Avenue. On the Freeway it will be express with no stops until reaching Portland Meadows. The return trip will be from the parking lot opposite the clubhouse entrance after the third, fifth and seventh races.

On inbound trips, the first stop to let off passengers will be N.E. Broadway and Vancouver Ave. Buses then will make all regular stops to the downtown area, returning across the Steel Bridge, down N.W. Glisan and 5th Ave. to Yamhill.

Fare to Portland Meadows will be 50 cents each way. Reduced rates apply for Senior citizens, school students or transfer patrons.

Additional information about Tri-Met service to Portland Meadows may be obtained by calling Tri-Met information, 233-3511.

## Seed collection donated

New permanent exhibit at the Western Forestry Center, 4033 S.W. Canyon Road, is a mounted display of seeds of 30 west coast species of trees collected by the late Leo A. Isaac, who was known to his colleagues in northwest forestry as "Mr. Douglas Fir." The collection was presented by Isaac's widow, 7834 S.W. Westmoor Way, to Ernest L. Kolbe, director of the Center. There are seven species each of pine and fir, five of cedar, three of spruce, two each of larch and hemlock, and one each of cypress, redwood, juniper and yew. Each sample is labelled with its common name and its scientific name. Isaac was for 37 years on the staff of the Pacific Northwest Range and Experiment Station. Although he specialized in studies of the Douglas Fir, Isaac followed tree seed collection as a hobby and engaged in worldwide study and correspondence in its pursuit.

## EEOC protects whites

A new dimension has been added to the government's Equal Opportunity In Employment program.

The program was originally designed to prevent racial discrimination by contractors and sub-contractors doing business with the government. Executive Order 11246 was issued by President Johnson in 1965 and banned racial discrimination in federally involved projects and required contractors to take affirmative action to achieve equal job opportunity.

Secretary of Labor J. D. Hodgson said the Department of Labor has found that members of certain religious

groups, primarily Jews and Catholics, and persons of Eastern European extraction such as Italians, Greeks and Slavs are excluded from executive and middle-management positions. The federal guideline will be expanded to include these groups.

Labor, civic and political leaders in the black community supported the new guidelines, in the hope that if the guidelines against discrimination have a broad base, there will be more support for giving the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission the enforcement accommodations to the religious needs of employees.

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