



The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert E. Cushman, Jr. (right), discusses a new minority officer recruiting poster designed by the Head of the Marines' Minority Office Recruiting Program, Captain Solomon P. Hill (left). General Cushman, who assumed the Office of Commandant on January 1, 1972, has directed Captain Hill to intensify the Corps' search for minority officers to ensure equality of opportunity in the Marines' commissioning programs.

## Marines want black officers

Although Marine recruiters are getting enough recruits to maintain the Corps at its current strength of just over 200,000, they aren't getting nearly enough officers from minority groups.

There is a serious imbalance in the Corps' minority officer/enlisted structure. For example, for several years now the percentage of black enlisted Marines has ranged around 11 percent, the approximate percentage of blacks in the national population. During the same period, the percentage of blacks in the officers corps has stayed about one percent. This same imbalance generally exists within other racial minorities in the Marines.

The Marines' new Commandant, General Robert E. Cushman, Jr., who took office on January 1, is taking action to increase the number of minority officers in the Corps. General Cushman concedes

that the Corps hasn't always been an equitable institution. But he said, "However, we have been working hard for several years to correct this deplorable situation, and have had some success."

He added that he intends to intensify the Corps' efforts to stamp out racial prejudice among Marines. "We only ask that potential minority officers judge us on what we are doing now, rather than on what we did in the past."

Helping General Cushman solve his minority officer recruiting problems is a full-time job for Captain Solomon P. Hill, a 10-year Marine veteran from Oakland, California.

Captain Hill was recently selected for promotion to major, and will be promoted in the near future. He is well qualified for his assignment as head of the Marines' minority officer procurement program.

Married and the father of two children, Captain Hill came into the Marines through the Officer Candidate commissioning program following his graduation from Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo., in 1962.

He has served in a number of billets in the U.S., Okinawa, and Vietnam, with two tours in the war zone. Captain Hill has commanded communications and infantry companies, and served as Staff Secretary of the First Marine Division. He has won a Bronze Star and two Navy Achievement Medals for meritorious service.

In 1970, Captain Hill earned a Masters Degree in public administration at Golden Gate College, San Francisco through a Marine Corps-sponsored advanced degree program.

Captain Hill's job is to develop and manage nationwide programs to attract minority officers. He finds it a hard, but satisfying, assignment.

"I run up against a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding in my job," Captain Hill said. "I do a lot of traveling and talking. I find that many non-whites still think of the Marine Corps in terms of what it was 20 or 30 years ago. They think it is still as racist as it once was. They simply don't realize how much it's changed, particularly in the last few years."

Captain Hill adds, "I'm not saying that the Marine Corps doesn't have racial problems. We do. However, we're dedicated to solving these problems, as you'll quickly realize if you talk to the Commandant."

Captain Hill said once he has closed the misinformation gap, selling a commission in the Marines is an easy task. "It's the world's best training ground for a young man who wants to realize his leadership potential and develop his management skills. And leadership and management is where it's at these days."

Captain Hill looks forward to the day when proportionate numbers of minority officers have been promoted to positions of responsibility at all rank levels in the Corps — then his job can be abolished. He said most of his other fellow Marines are looking for the same thing.

There's another area where Captain Hill and most of his fellow Marines agree — and this includes their new Commandant. They think that neither the Marine Corps nor the Nation it serves can continue to claim it is dedicated to the principle of freedom for all men if it tolerates racial inequality in its ranks.

## Transportation petitions filed

Sensible Transportation Options for People announced the filing of an initiative on Wednesday, January 19, which would make the Highway Trust Fund money available to all "systems and facilities for public transportation with the State of Oregon, including but not limited to public highways, roads and streets."

The Oregon Environmental Council and The Coalition For Clean Air, Oregon - Washington are the two other chief sponsors of the measure. At an 11:00 AM press conference, the presidents of the three groups signed sponsors' petitions, and announced the names of several state legislators, city, and county commissioners (see list) who will also sponsor the proposed constitutional amendment. The Portland Branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor it as well.

Steve Schell, chairman of Sensible Transportation Options for People explained that a main goal of the initiative is to allow the State Legislature and the State Highway Department the freedom to create a more flexible and balanced transportation system. He said, "Under the present constitutional wording, all gasoline tax money must be spent for highways, roads and streets. We must develop adequate alternative systems, such as rapid transit, which are choices for the public. A balanced transportation system will help everyone — the highway user as well as those who cannot or do not drive (the elderly, the poor and the infirm)."

Larry Williams, Executive Director of the Oregon Environmental Council, spoke briefly about the effect of our present transportation policy upon our environment. He said, "Four lanes of freeway use up 50 acres of our land per mile of road."

Mary Ann Donnell, chairman of The Coalition For Clean Air said, "The city of Portland has a special reason to work for alternatives to the private automobile. In order to meet federal standards in 1975, the carbon monoxide levels in the downtown area must be reduced 60% from the 1970 levels. The automobile is the main source of carbon monoxide."

Staff Coordinator for the initiative is Mrs. Stephen Malm who announced that the groups backing the initiative will now be concentrating on gathering 80,000 signatures around the state, in order to put the measure on the general election ballot in November. She said, "We need the help of all interested individuals who are willing to carry petitions."

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## Imperial Potentate visits Portland

William H. Howe of Philadelphia, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Inc. of North and South America was greeted at the Portland International Airport by Nobles of Mina Temple and Daughters of Mina Court on his arrival to the city for a three day visit.

At a press conference Imp. Potentate Howe said that the 50,000 Prince Hall Shriners donated more than \$75,000 yearly to: Hospitals; Youth Education; Cancer Fund and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. And that his main purpose for visiting Portland and other West coast cities was to promote the Imperial Shrine Program and encourage Temples to give more money for their charitable undertakings.

A dinner honoring the Imp. Potentate was given at the Sheraton Hotel where Imp. Deputy of the Desert, Noble Thomas R. Vickers, was the Master of Ceremonies and introduced such Prince Hall dignitaries as: The Ill. Potentate of Mina Temple, Noble Eugene Bonner and Dtr. Bonner; Noble V.C. Butler, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General — 3rd degree; P.G.M. Dtr. Dorothy Vickers; Deputy of Desert Ann Holland; Noble A.W. Denton, Advisor To the Court; Noble Robert H. Dillard, Past Grand Master; Noble E. Graham, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Oregon; Dtr. C. Shelby, Commandress of Mina Court; Imp. Advisor to the Temple Nobel John Wiseman; Imp. Deputy of the Oasis, Noble Joe Pearson; Imp.

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## Boy Scout week plans



Boy Scout and Cub Pack 152 launch operation clean-up during 1971 Boy Scout Week. Boy Scout Week 1972 is February 6-12th. On Saturday the boys will demonstrate Scout skills at Lloyd Center. A display will be in J.C. Penneys — Union and Killingsworth.

From left: George Simmons, Scoutmaster; Anthony and Tony Smith, Nathan Jones, Darrel Harris, Derron Brown, Frank Evans, Robert Ford, Tony Harris, John Smith, Wayne Thompson, Victor Pierce, Greg Washington, Dillard Brown and Allen Evans.

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