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Portland's Black citizens charge "Taxation without representation"

"Taxation without representation" was the cry of the patriots as they declared their independence from England and formed a new nation. These words hold true today in the United States and in Portland.

It is a myth that all black people are disadvantaged and that blacks draw more from the economy in the form of welfare, unemployment benefits, and social services than they contribute.

Blacks in Portland pay a considerable amount of taxes, yet are without representation in the legislative bodies of the city, county and state.

"Taxation without representation" could well be the cry of blacks and other minorities across the land, since nowhere is there true representation in the law-making bodies and in the courts that interpret and enforce the laws.

Pictured below are a few of Portland's black citizens who are in the \$15,000 and above income range. Their combined incomes exceed \$1,500,000; their federal taxes alone are more than \$500,000. However, there are hundreds more Blacks in Portland whose incomes are above the average for the Portland area. There are also hundreds who would fall within the \$10,000 to \$14,000 category. These salaries compound many times the taxes paid by black people in Portland.

In the United States a man is measured by his financial status. Yet even when this qualification is met, other barriers are raised and black people are still isolated from political power.



Henry Scott

President of Coast Janitorial Coast Janitorial is the second-largest Janitorial service in the entire Northwest!



ALPHA FLOYD, star of "Tosca," Portland Opera's March 9 and 11 performance, will be the guest of honor along with other cast members at a cocktail reception open to the public at the Ebony Club, Friday, March 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Alpha Floyd to sing in Opera

Alpha Floyd, the talented soprano who triumphed in Atlanta as "Trememisha" the heroine of Scott Joplin's ragtime opera, comes to Portland to star as "Tosca" in Portland Opera's production of the Puccini opera March 9 and 11 at the Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Miss Floyd's first performance in Portland will also mark her first creation of the role of Tosca, the beautiful singer who becomes involved in love, revolution and death. In Mya, Miss Floyd will make her debut at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, England, in the title role of Verdi's opera, "Aida."

Also starring with Miss Floyd are Salvador Novoa, the Mexican tenor who sings regularly with the New York City Opera, as Mario Cavaradossi, Tosca's lover who is a painter and suspected Roman revolutionary. Thomas Tipton, a leading baritone with the Munich State Opera, and frequent visitor to major opera houses in the United States and Europe, plays Scarpia, the chief of Rome police and persecutor of both Tosca and Cavaradossi.

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Deiz seeks new Judicial position

The Honorable Mercedes F. Deiz, District Court Judge, has filed her candidacy for the position of Judge of the Circuit Court in the Department of Domestic Relations for the Fourth Judicial District.

Judge Deiz will seek the new judicial position of Department No. 18 created by the 1971 Oregon Legislature.

Judge Deiz has had several years experience as a lawyer specializing in family and juvenile matters. In addition, she served Pro Tem Circuit Court Judge in Marion County's court of Domestic Relations during the summer of 1971 and has just recently served in this court in Multnomah County.

A native of New York and alumnus of Hunter College, Mrs. Deiz earned her law degree at Northwestern College of Law in Portland while employed as a legal secretary.

She has been secretary and chairman of the Minor Courts Committee in the Oregon State Bar Association; also, a lecturer for Family Law Seminar and in legal service to the 1967 legislature.

Judge Deiz became a permanent Oregonian in 1948 and married Carl Henry Deiz, Assistant Director of Administrative Services of the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, Portland.

Following her admission to the Oregon State Bar in 1960 she served on the Youth Commission of Portland and served on the executive committee.

Some of Judge Deiz's current community service activities include:

Chairman of the Oregon Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Board of Trustees of Lewis and Clark College, of Good Samaritan Hospital and of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Family Counseling Service and the Parry Center.

Governor McCall recently appointed her to serve as one of four judicial representatives of the Commission on Judicial Reform.



Neil Goldschmidt runs for Mayor

City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt will announce his candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Portland on March 5th at Westminster Presbyterian Church.



Albert Scott

Vice-President Coast Janitorial Service



Samuel Scott

Second Vice-President of Coast Janitorial Service



Manuel Scott

Secretary-Treasurer of Coast Janitorial Service

Byrd flies for Delta Air Lines

Ms. Sherida Byrd, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Byrd, Portland, Ore., has successfully completed her training as a Delta Air Lines Stewardess. She was awarded her wings on Friday, Feb. 25, 1972. She will be based at Love Field in Dallas, Texas.



zona. She completed her college credits and graduated in Dec. 1971. Congratulations Miss Byrd, fly with success.

In March of 1971 she was selected for listing in who's who among students in American Junior Colleges in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student at Maricopa Technical College, Phoenix, Arizona.



Student at Jefferson High School browses through some of 6,000 new paperback books installed last January in special section of the school library. Turnover of paperbacks the first week was greater than the turnover of hardbound books during the entire last two school years. Paperback library also features check-out honor system, over-stuffed and bean-bag chairs. (Portland Public Schools Photo)

Jefferson turns to paperbacks

Jefferson High School may have found the key to turning on 1,100 teen-agers to reading: Paperback books.

Using \$3,500 in federal funds, Jefferson last January purchased 6,000 copies of 3,000 different non-fiction and fiction paperback titles and installed them in a special section of the school library at 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

According to head librarian Joan Roberts, the turnover

of paperbacks in the first week was greater than the turnover of hardbound books during the entire last two school years.

Mrs. Roberts said an honor system guides use of the paperback books, with students being asked to exchange two books for two more books. No records are kept of who takes and returns the paperbacks, she said.

The school library, containing 22,000 hardbound

books is in a carpeted area formerly used as a gymnasium. It has the traditional shelves, tables and chairs. The paperback library, however, features free-standing swivel book racks, plus over-stuffed and bean-bag chairs to provide an informal atmosphere.

"We measure the library's success by the greatly increased number of paperback books tucked into purses and pockets," Mrs. Roberts said.

Urban League bills Jordan

Portland Urban League Executive Director, E. Shelton Hill, announced that Vernon L. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League, will be the guest speaker for Portland's 27th Annual Meeting. This will be a dinner meeting, held in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Coliseum, Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be five dollars (\$5.00) per plate. All Urban League members and friends are invited to attend. Tickets are available from all Board members and at each Urban League office.

Mr. Jordan was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended public schools there. He received his Bachelor's degree from DePaul University in 1947, and was graduated from the law school at Howard University in 1960. After a short period in private practice, he joined the staff of the Southern Regional Council of NAACP as the Georgia Field Representative. In 1965, he was appointed Director of the Southern Regional Council Voter Education Project. By 1970, more than 3,000,000 new Black voters had been registered as a result of this project. In 1970, he became the Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund, an organization which has provided college educations for many thousands of Black youth. Currently, Mr. Jordan writes a weekly column, "To Be Equal," which is published in 200 papers throughout the nation, including the "Portland Observer."

He joined the National Urban League staff, succeeding the late Whitney M. Young, in January of this year. We are confident that the message he will share with us on April 6, will be both inspirational and challenging. This will be his first public appearance on the West Coast.



Cleveland Gilcrease

Director of Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee. It is debated that he is the second highest paid black in the state next to Sidney Wicks. He pays a lot of taxes.



Dr. William A. Jenkins, School of Education, Portland State University



Sidney Wicks

third best performer in the NBA, pays into the state and national economy with a smile.



Judge Mercedes Diez serves in the District Court of the State of Oregon.



Charles Jordan is Director of the Model Cities Program.



C. Don Vann is a politician and a community worker. A member of the Urban League, NAACP, Chamber of Commerce, he is an example to youth that it can be done. He pays taxes and is a loyal citizen.



Hazel G. Hays

is very much a controversial figure. She is Coordinator of Community Services and Citizen Participation for PDC. She has hired a staff of 40 people of different ethnic backgrounds who pay a large amount of taxes.



H. Belton Hamilton formerly the black with the highest position in state government, is now with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



Rev. Sam Johnson is Social Action Director for AMA, Director of Youth Care Center, pastor of the Highland United Church of Christ and also founder of High Park enterprise.

Phil Berthiaume
Financial Advisor

Benj. Franklin introduces
Personal Pension Plans

A new service to help individuals plan retirement income is now offered by the Benj. Franklin, with financial expert Phil Berthiaume heading the new department. He is available for consultation at the Franklin Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at other times by appointment.

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