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deWeese accuses Goldschmidt of political manipulation

Jordan advocates access to power

Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, spoke to a crowd of about 300 people at the annual Portland Urban League dinner, Thursday, April 6.

As the newly elected executive, Jordan clarified the major goals of the Urban League, as he sees them, in the 1970's. He said, "The Urban League will continue to be, first, a forceful advocate for the cause of black people and other minorities. Secondly, a result oriented, issue-oriented organization dedicated to serving the people. Thirdly, we will continue to be a bridge between the races forcing unity and harmony in a land torn by strife and division. Fourthly, we will continue to be unapologetically and unequivocally forthright believers in and workers for an open, pluralistic, integrated society."

Jordan spoke of the change in the civil rights movement from the 1960's to the 1970's. "In the 60's the issue was the right to sit on the bus... Today the issue is where that bus is going and what does it cost to get there. In the 60's the issue was the right to eat at the lunch counter. Today the issue is the hunger and malnutrition that stalks the land... The central issue of the 1970's, then, is the restructuring of America's economic and political power so that black people and chicanos and other Americans have their fair share of the rewards and responsibilities and the decision making in every sector of our society."



Highlight of the annual Urban League dinner was speaker Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League. In his address, Jordan outlined the goals and projects of the organization for the year and received enthusiastic approval from all those who attended.

poor black people, chicanos and poor whites are set against each other, scrambling for the crumbs from the table of an affluent society, this nation shall be troubled in mind and in spirit."

The Urban League is attempting to find practical solutions and technical capabilities and Jordan said, "I believe the battle has shifted from the streets to the deliberations of legislative committees, zoning boards and school boards."

"One of the first major programs in the coming year will be to institute a major voter registration drive in the north and west to help bring about the political brownning of America."

Speaking of economic improvement, Jordan said, "I believe the Urban League believes that economic empowerment means putting green dollars into black pockets and filling jobs at all levels. Economic empowerment means opening up the suburbs to blacks of all income levels

so they can bear the new jobs coming now in new suburban plants and offices."

Receiving many rounds of applause for his major points, Jordan ended his speech by saying that it takes men and women in responsible positions to care about those who have not yet made it, and until then, the nation will suffer from racial strife. He concluded, "We shall not be moved from our sacred mission to make this a land of freedom, a land of justice and a land of complete equality."

VOTE released

VOTE, the non-partisan report of candidates and measures published as a public service by the League of Women Voters will be available to the public after April 13th. The 28-page newspaper will be available at various supermarkets and bookstores in the Portland area and from League members. VOTE sells for 10¢ per copy.

Edited by Mrs. Wendy Wenner, the publication is a joint project of the Portland and East Multnomah County Leagues of Women Voters. The Leagues neither support nor oppose candidates or political parties, but offer the voters a complete resume of issues to be on the May 23rd primary election ballot and reports the answers that candidates have given to questions on various subjects. This year, VOTE gives information on six state measures, three county measures, one School District #1 measure and lists over 200 candidates for various national, state, county and city offices.

"Every effort is made to provide completely factual and objective explanations of ballot measures," states Jane Cease, president of the Portland League.

38,000 copies of VOTE will be printed this year. School District #1 and other school districts in the county use VOTE in their social studies classes. Many local businesses buy VOTE for their employees. As of March 29th, 31,000 copies have been sold through advance orders.

Members of the VOTE staff include: Mrs. Wendy Wenner, Editor; Mrs. Mary Muir and Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, Ballot Measure chairmen; Mrs. Sue Chisholm, Questionnaire chairman; Mrs. Jean Root, Distribution chairman. Please contact Mrs. Jean Root, 253-5881, if you would like to order some VOTE papers or find out where you can buy one.

Bill deWeese, candidate for mayor, announced Monday that City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt's proposed Bureau of Human Resources was nothing more than a "naked power grab," so hastily conceived and shallowly pursued prior to announcement, that it could well become a political and social power base, manipulating great sums of money and massive numbers of people.

Speaking before an Albina audience, deWeese charged that the Goldschmidt program was an "act of political expediency designed to influence the outcome of the forthcoming Primary Election."

"The most dangerous affect of this proposal," deWeese said, "is that certain of the present poverty programs have been alarmingly slowed in the services that they render." He stated that OEO programs have been delayed in submitting proposals.

He continued by saying that "this 60-day wonder program has cast a shadow over both the workers within the poverty agencies and the citizens of Portland who so deservedly benefit from these services."

"This program," deWeese said, "lacks careful compliance with OEO and HUD regulations and objectives, and it does not spell out a positive format for the future."

deWeese proposed an alternative program that would call for the formulation of a broad-based citizens committee to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of all existing poverty agencies. Based upon their recommendations, the mayor should take appropriate and responsible action. He said he is in favor of the principal of the Human Resources Bureau, but not as it was proposed by Goldschmidt.

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Burns discusses Taxes

"Discriminatory taxation must be ended," stated Representative Keith Burns (D-Mult. Co.), while speaking before the Woodstock Kiwanis Club early Wednesday morning.

"Property taxes are not based on an individual's ability to pay and are therefore unfair. Moreover, meaningful tax reform must be accompanied by a maximum of publicity on the procedures and an opportunity for all taxpayers to participate in the tax reform hearings."

Representative Burns hit on several issues of importance to his district while speaking

to the Kiwanis group. The former deputy district attorney pointed out that the victims of crime are often ignored by society.

"I will propose that Oregon adopt laws to aid victims of criminal acts. Citizens who are injured by criminals should be compensated," declared Burns.

"When elected," Burns said, "I will continue to make myself available to any constituent who needs assistance wants to discuss the issues."

Represent Burns concluded by saying that citizen involvement in local government should be maximized.

Haas charges arrogance

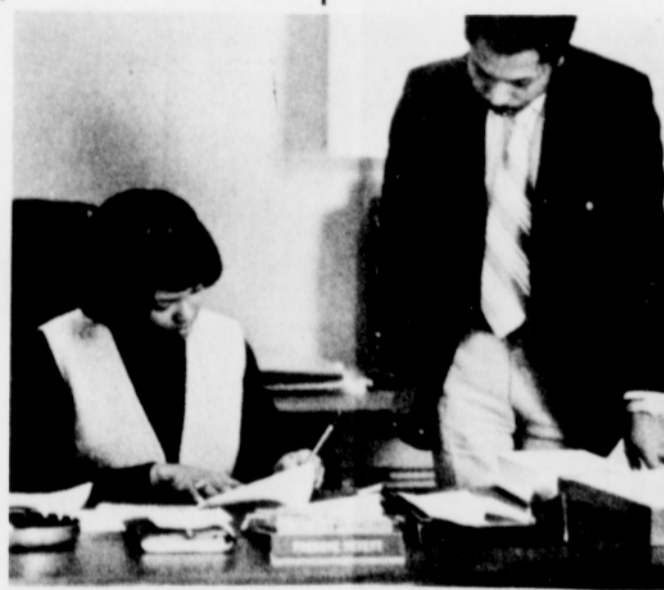
"The recent failure of the appointee to the District Attorney's office to first consult with the City and County Commissioners has resulted in a delay in producing an effective law enforcement program," said Hari Haas, a candidate for District Attorney, as he spoke before the Commercial Club.

"How anyone faintly familiar with local government could attempt to spend Multnomah County taxpayer's money without first having approval from the City or County Commissioners is inconceivable," Haas said in regard to the appointee's failure.

"The present appointee seems intent on spending even that money which hasn't been appropriated. His demand for another increase of \$2000 in his own salary is an abuse of the rights of taxpayers of our county at this time of increasing high property taxes. Mr. Connell's demand that he be paid more than the Attorney General of Oregon, plus getting a new Buick, is nothing less than fiscal arrogance," said Haas, a strong legislative supporter for property tax relief.

"We need a District Attorney who spends his time prosecuting criminals, protecting our environment and consumers, rather than spinning his wheels for his own benefit. As a Criminal Law Revision Commissioner, leading advocate of consumer protection, I will spend my time enforcing those laws, not just increasing the cost of government for executive salaries."

The Oregon Black Caucus will hold a general meeting, Sunday, April 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, 5022 N. Vancouver. The public is invited to attend.



Mrs. Fredye Petett, Director of Operation Step-Up, signs a \$25,000 contract for Nero Industries while Bob Rogers, Assistant Director for Manpower and Training of Associated General Contractors, watches. The contract will provide 30 new jobs with on-the-job training and medical care.

Nero awarded contract

Bob Rogers, assistant director for Manpower and Training for Associated General Contractors has announced the release of a \$25,000 contract to Nero Industries. The contract involves on-the-job training and medical care for 30 people. Operation Step-Up, part of Nero Industries, will be responsible for recruitment, counseling and placement of personnel. Dr. John Marshall will handle all medical examinations and care.

Rogers said, "This is the first contract of this kind that we know of in the Northwest and the West Coast."

The contract, the first of its kind issued from the Oregon State Highway Department to a minority agency, is for one year. Similar projects have been initiated in only three other states - Maine, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The contract is jointly funded by the state and federal governments. Initially the contract was let to Associated General Contractors. They in turn sublet it to Nero Industries.

"Nero Industries was best qualified to perform this work for us," Rogers said. He has hopes of renewing the contract next year, too.

Short elected federal chairman

Ralph B. Short, district director of the Internal Revenue Service, was unanimously elected chairman of the Portland Federal Executive Board for the upcoming fiscal year. The PFEB election took place at a Thursday luncheon meeting.

Named to the post of vice chairman was Colonel Paul D. Triem, district engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland.

Short has been with the

Internal Revenue Service since 1945, following 3 years of combat duty with the U. S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific. He was tax advisor to the Japanese government in 1949-51, and to the Philippine Republic in 1963-65.

Prior to coming to Portland in 1971, Short served as assistant IRS district director in Los Angeles for 6 years.

Col. Triem was commissioned in 1950 upon his graduation from West Point. He has served in Iceland, Hawaii

and Vietnam, plus at numerous posts and schools throughout the U.S. He came to Portland in 1969 as deputy district engineer, and was promoted to his current post in 1970.

Presiding at the election meeting was outgoing PFEB chairman C. J. Griesmeyer, regional director of the Veterans Administration. The Portland Federal Executive Board is comprised of the heads of some 80 Federal agencies and offices in the Portland area.



Volunteer honored for service

PAST PRESIDENT HONORED - Gora Bradford, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford, 546 N.E. Stanton, the outgoing president of the Emanuel Hospital Junior Auxiliary, was presented a new guard for her pin representing more than 500 hours of service to the hospital. Pat Spohn, right, 8567 N. Burr Ave., now Junior Auxiliary Coordinator and herself a former Junior Auxiliary president, "reminisced" during annual pinning ceremony held at Emanuel School of Nursing, Sunday, April 9. Juniors annually give thousands of hours of service after school and on weekends to assist in a variety of hospital departments; activities also include projects like holiday parties for pediatrics patients and weekly entertainment for patients in Extended Care. Others on the program included the Rev. Wallace Petzoldt, chaplain, who gave the invocation and benediction; Walter Behn, vice president of Emanuel, who awarded pins, assisted by Mrs. Helen Maddoux, director of volunteers. Miss Bradford also introduced new officers present: Colleen Howard, president; Greta Hartman, vice president; Karen Arnold, secretary; and Troy Young, social chairman.

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