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Nero to assist MC Task Force

David Nero, President of Nero & Associates, Inc., confirmed he had accepted an invitation to assist a Task Force of the Model Cities Citizens Planning Board to develop a concept for the proposed City Bureau of Human Resources. Mr. Nero will be donating his time and services to this project. A Model Cities Task Force, made up of members of the Citizens Planning Board has been appointed by Mr. Fred Flowers, Board chairman. This Task Force will present to the Citizens Planning Board recommendations for organization, management and citizen participation for the new City Bureau proposed by City Commissioner, Neil Goldschmidt.

Charles Jordan, Executive Director of Portland Model Cities, stated that Mr. Nero will work closely with the Task Force and will endeavor to insure that input to the Human Resources proposal be solicited from all concerned citizen groups and agencies. In addition, Mr. Nero will gather additional factual data in support of the structural design of the Bureau and prepare the organization and management structure for the new City Bureau.

In accepting this challenge, Mr. Nero stated to the Model Cities Task Force, he was glad to be able to show his appreciation to the Model Cities Program for the support they have given him over the past two years. Mr. Jordan stated he was glad to be able to accept the services of David Nero and was grateful for the opportunity to utilize that expertise. Mr. Nero has developed through his association with Model Cities. This project will also enable Mr. Nero to gain more exposure at City Hall and gain expertise in working as a consultant to the City government, Jordan added.

The eight members of the Model Cities Task Force are Mrs. Opal Strong, Chairman, Josiah Nunn, Mrs. Clara May Peoples, Lee Kell, Robert Rogers, Herb Simpson, Debbie Norman and Mrs. Marian Scott.

Mr. Nero stated he would be keeping in very close contact with the Task Force regarding the progress of his work. He indicated the Task Force would be receiving a formal report within 20 days.

See Portland's Black Middle Class: A Disappointment! Page two by Lenwood Davis.

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Corvallis NAACP charges OSU with racism



Mr. Harvey Rice, assistant director of the Portland State University Educational Center, 2611 N.E. Union, helps to hold the GED (Certificate of Equivalency) which Mr. Gerald Bailey (right) received through 2-1/2 months of study at the Educational Center. Mr. Bailey came to Portland in October, 1971, and Mr. Rice was instrumental in getting him started toward his GED and plans for continuing his education at Portland State University.

Education brings success

By Nan Phillips

How does a young man 22 years old suddenly decide he's going to make a new life for himself? A life completely out of Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born into a family of six brothers and five sisters - a life entirely different from the one he's known; odd jobs, no ambition, no future.

It helps to have an uncle who lives in Portland, Oregon, an uncle who tells you to come to live with him and his family till you can get yourself on the track.

That's what happened to Gerald Bailey. He came to Portland in October, 1971, to live with his uncle, Samuel Macon, who is on the staff at Grant High School.

Gerald spent the first weeks looking for a job, with no luck. One day, he dropped by the Portland State University Educational Center at 2611 N.E. Union Avenue. He talked with Mr. Harvey Rice, Assistant Director. Mr. Rice asked him some straight questions. Where was Gerald heading? How much education did he have? What job training? What could he offer an employer?

Gerald said he had worked for a roofing company, done odd jobs, was in the Marines for awhile, never finished high school, couldn't find a job.

Mr. Rice suggested that he study for his GED and earn the equivalent of a high school diploma. Gerald took him upon it and for 2-1/2 months he showed up at the Educational Center every school night. He took the GED test, and passed it. That was his Christmas present to himself: his GED diploma, which he received December 23, 1971.

While he was attending school every night, he got a job days, working as a cabinet assembler at R.P. Johns Furniture Company. He got the job through the P.O.C. (Portland Opportunity Industrialization Center). He takes his job seriously. Even when he smashed a finger, he didn't lay off work.

So now he has a job, his GED - what next? More school, he says: art classes at night at Portland Community College, with the dream of going on to Portland State University. And eventually the big dream: a college degree which will enable him to teach art in high school.

The Observer salutes this young man with a future, which he is bringing about through his own hard work. The Observer also salutes Mr. Harvey Rice, who encouraged Mr. Bailey to finish high school, and helped him believe that he could go on to college.

Students visit Eastern Oregon

Several black students are among 90 eighth graders in Portland chosen to participate in the annual 1972 Eighth Grade Columbia Basin Agricultural Tour to Sherman, Gilliam and Wasco Counties April 28-30.

Participating students are: from Boise School, Jeanne Dunn, Tony Howard, Steven Knight, Gloria Johnson, Russell Richie and Corinthian Mathies, with Mrs. Debby Norman as chaperone; from Woodlawn School, Johnny D. DeGrate, Elsie Graves and Billy Maxie; from Peninsula School, Charles Smith and Kay Aubrey; from Mt. Tabor School, Barnell Wilson; and from Creston School, Marci-anne Jackson.

Their expense-free trip to Eastern Oregon is sponsored by the Sherman, Gilliam, and Wasco County Wheat Growers Associations, along with a number of cooperating organizations and is coordinated with the help of Portland 4-H Club extension agent, Gray Thompson, and Portland Public Schools cooperating.

During their stay the eighth graders will be guests at homes of families which have been carefully selected and which also have an eighth grader.

The tour is held annually to improve understanding between urban and rural people and to show students the operation of an Eastern Oregon wheat farm. Some of the things the students will see include rod-weeding, airplane spraying, de-horning of calves, grain elevators, and conservation practices used by the farmers.



During a visit to the University of Oregon campus, Senator Wayne Morse chats with Vernetta Caldwell, Head Resident of the UO's Hamilton dormitory complex.

Morse campaigns for return to United States Senate

"There's liable to be confusion in a dream deferred," wrote poet Langston Hughes 20 years ago.

Since 1968, confusion has abounded in nearly every aspect of the Nixon Administration's domestic and foreign policy. Former Senator Wayne Morse, whose dreams and service to the Oregon people were deferred four years ago in his narrow reelection defeat, is campaigning to correct some of this confusion.

Morse charges Nixon with misleading the people on the Vietnam war. "Don't let him fool you," he says. "He's not winding down the war, but expanding it. New Asian graveyards are being dug every day." Back in 1953, Morse predicted thousands of lives would be lost in Southeast Asia; he now predicts that if the United States does not get out of Asia, millions of lives will be lost in a far greater war.

Morse sees the problems of racism, inflation, unemployment, and inequities in health and education as all related to the war. "The money we are spending to kill American boys and Asians is money we should be using to solve our crying domestic needs," he explains.

The long time Oregon lawmaker feels the federal government must take greater responsibility in meeting health needs, "so that every American, regardless of income or economic class, is insured quality medical care." He would also have the federal government support public education by 50 percent. He would obtain the funds for this federal aid by plugging tax loopholes currently given to corporations, foundations and charitable trusts.

Unlike many other liberals of late, Wayne Morse is not about to abandon the goals of racial integration and equal-

ity. "Equality of opportunity is the law under our Constitution," he maintains, "and Presidents and Congresses have failed to enforce the law." In 1964, he sponsored the Economic Opportunity Act, which is responsible for the creation of Head Start, Upward Bound, the Community Action programs, and the Job Corps.

His position on school busing is clear: "In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that equality of education is impossible without integration. Later court decisions have found that if busing is the only way to achieve integration in the schools of a specific community, then students must be bused. That is the law, and I think society must abide by it."

Further, Morse believes schools must be integrated at the teaching and administrative levels. "Black students should never have to (continued on page 6, col. 6)

Protesters march in Portland

By Roger Dorband

Strains of "In the Mood" softly emitting from the Dick Niles show room were momentarily drowned out Saturday by the passing of some 1000 slogan chanting marchers protesting the escalation of U. S. bombing in Vietnam. Beginning at the South Park Blocks shortly after noon, the marchers proceeded in an orderly fashion down 6th Avenue behind a large banner depicting a Viet Cong flag and an American flag upside down, under the written imperative, "Stop the bombing." After passing through the shadow of the

monolithic 1st National building, the marchers turned on Main St. and commenced to the Women's Park Blocks on 3rd St. for a short anti-war rally.

The march, the largest since 1970, drew little spectator response in spite of the vehemence of the protesters. Most of the onlookers viewed the event from behind the protective cover of storefront glass with a passivity with which one might watch a television rerun. Even Portland's largest newspaper felt the march was no more noteworthy than a few paragraphs

well back of the front page. It is unfortunate that this passivity reflects a general reaction to the war by many who have been lulled into complacency by statistics indicating U.S. troop withdrawal. As pointed out by speakers at the rally Saturday, few realize that "only the color of the bodies has changed," as the U.S. continues financial support of South Vietnamese and mercenary soldiers.

In addition, large amounts are being spent on computers, and a great variety of electronic weapons. Electronic sensors have been dropped

by the tens of thousands all over Southeast Asia as part of the electronic battle field. These devices transmit the slightest sound, smell or vibration to air-borne relay platforms which feed computers directing bombers to the scene. Senator Proxmire pointed out the only unfortunate aspect of these devices: "The sensors cannot tell the difference between soldiers, women and children. Speakers at the rally suggested boycott on products produced by such large companies as I.T.T. who manufacture many of the com- (Please see page 7 col. 4)

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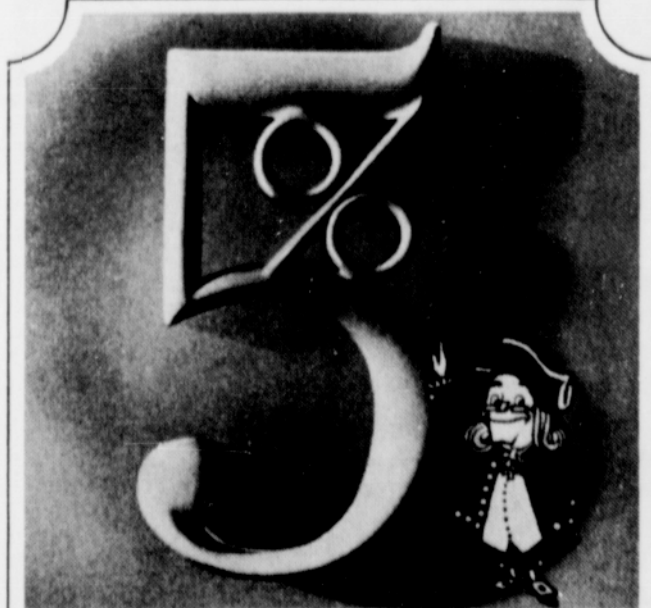


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The next meeting of the Oregon Black Caucus will be held April 30, 1972 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club, 6 N. Tillamook, for the purpose of electing officers. Everyone is welcome.