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## Human Resource goes to council



The men's activity room at the Senior Adult Service Center was opened July 10th. Standing (left to right) are Walter Ricks, James Braggs, and Henry Jackson. Seated at the card table are (left to right) C. Smith, Jack Hall, James Sullivan, and Sam Redmond.

### Seniors hold open house

The Senior Adult Service Center held an open house on July 10th to show its new men's drop-in room. The center, which is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., has free activities for men which include pool, dominoes, card games, checkers, reading, visiting and refreshments.

Lady's activities include sewing and quilting. The facilities provide a place for older citizens to get together and do whatever they like.

The Center, which is funded by Model Cities, employs fifty full and part time employees, mostly senior adults. Aside from the drop-in center, the program has four organized functions.

The Transportation Service under the supervision of Stanton Duke, provides transportation to the food stamp store, hospitals, banks and doctors.

The Outreach Services, supervised by Mary Nero, contact persons in need of service, visit in the homes, run errands for the elderly, help with household chores, provide personal care and service to shut-ins, and deliver hot meals once a week to persons confined to their homes.

Handyman Services, supervised by Otto Rutherford, provides minor home repairs such as plumbing repairs, repairing broken steps or windows, changing light bulbs, and moving furniture.

The Telephone Reassurance program, also supervised by Otto Rutherford, calls senior citizens daily to see if they are alright and to see if services are required.

Activities scheduled for the Center in the near future include a Model Cities Senior Citizen's picnic at Peninsula Park at 11:00 a.m. Families and children are welcome and transportation will be provided.

On August 9th a Potluck lunch will be held at Matt Dishman Center at 77 N.E. Knott at 12:00 noon.



JOIL SOUTHWELL

### Housing project continues

In January, 1972, the Children's Services Division of the Albina Multi-Service Center developed a Rental Reporting Project.

The purpose of this project is to maintain a list of vacant apartments and houses that are for rent inside and outside of the Model Cities area, and are within the price range of low-income families.

Thus far, the project has been successful in providing many low-income families with housing; however, there are fewer apartments and houses listed than people who need them.

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### Thoughts on a Human Resource Bureau

By Cleveland Gilcrease

(EDITORS NOTE: The following article is the statement of Cleveland Gilcrease, Executive Director of the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Portland Observer.)

Realizing that the City of Portland is at present contemplating the establishment of a Bureau of Human Resources and is proposing to invoke the Green Amendment on the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, bringing the Community Action Agency under the direct control of City government; in this article I shall attempt to express my personal views on the issues centered around the establishment of a Bureau of Human Resources by the City of Portland. As Executive Director of the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, I feel I must take the responsibility for the protection of our low income citizens and the PMSC staff, whose lives perhaps will be greatly affected by the establishment of the Bureau, as outlined in the proposal prepared by Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt's office.

While I shall continue to maintain my position of support of the concept of a Bureau of Human Resources, I can do so only if the established Bureau is structured to maximize the services and dollars expended in the City of Portland for the needs of the poor. However, in my opinion, this had not been determined by the initial proposal.

It should be understood that Community Action Agencies, such as the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, are an integral part of the broad framework of Federal programs designed to help solve urgent social problems, including poverty. Within the overall framework, other Federal programs such as Model Cities, are concerned directly with strengthening the ability of government at all levels to deal with the array of problems facing American communities. While contributing substantially to this aspect of the total effort, Community Action is engaged particularly in the complementary task of strengthening the means and capacity for



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more effective self-help efforts by the poor, individually and in organizations through which they can participate in planning, conducting and evaluating programs affecting their lives.

--greater private, voluntary involvement by which not only the poor but business, labor, service agencies, civic and religious organizations are enabled to play their full role along with government, contributing their human and financial resources to the solution of community problems.

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by Neil Goldschmidt

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are excerpts from Neil Goldschmidt's presentation to City Council on July 11th. The Observer strongly supports the development of the Bureau of Human Resources.)

On March 14, 1972, I sent you a proposal for a City of Portland Bureau of Human Resources. As you will recall, the Bureau would be created by placing the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee and the Model Cities Program under one city bureau. The Bureau should eventually include all of the city employment programs, including Summer '73, the Emergency Employment Act, CAMPS and the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Since March 14, the proposal has been distributed throughout the community for review. The Model Cities Citizens' Planning Board and the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee appointed task forces to examine the proposal and make suggestions for the Bureau's citizen participation structure (their joint recommendation is attached). Both the Planning Board and the Steering Committee have held public meetings to discuss the proposal. Portland Action Committees Together has suggested a citizen participation structure. At the request of administrators of the present programs, a local consulting firm, Dave Nero Associates, also reviewed the proposal and drafted recommendations for the Bureau's citizen and administrative structures.

The goals of the proposed Bureau of Human Resources are:

- Provide centralized planning for social and poverty programs in the city, permitting maximum use of local, state, federal and private resources and eliminating overlapping services.
- Establish clearly that the City of Portland is taking responsibility for working with the community to manage human resources programs in the city, ending confusion about who is accountable for operation of these programs.
- Bring human resources programs into the regular city government system, so that understanding of them by other city bureaus may be increased and the activities of those bureaus may be better understood and utilized in the human resources field.
- Give the minority and disadvantaged persons who have been employed in Model Cities and PMSC the opportunity to advance in the Civil Service system.
- Put the City in a position to spend revenue sharing funds in the human resources area in the most productive way possible.

The various programs to be administered and coordinated by the Bureau deal with direct services to individual citizens. Extensive citizen involvement in their planning and execution is vital, and in many cases is a mandatory requirement of the federal government.

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### ACLU elects leader

The election of Les Swanson, 32, as Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon was announced today. Mr. Swanson, a partner in the Eugene law firm of Johnson, Johnson, and Harrang, is a 1966 graduate of the Oregon School of Law, where he served as President of the student body and Associate Editor of the Oregon Law Review. He also holds a master's degree in philosophy from the Claremont Graduate School. He has been a member of the Executive Board of the ACLU of Oregon since 1967 and a delegate to ACLU's National Biennial Conferences in 1968 and 1972 in addition to serving as an

ACLU Cooperating Attorney. Swanson assumed office just after the United States Supreme Court by a five-four vote reversed two favorable lower court decisions in an Oregon ACLU suit against the Lloyd Corporation. The case involved the denial of opportunity to peacefully distribute pamphlets in Lloyd Center. Swanson, in a statement prepared for the press called the decision in Lloyd Corp. v. Tanner "a step in the wrong direction" and noted that the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court "came down on the side of property rights and against that most fundamental of all freedoms under our constitution, the freedom to speak."

## An exclusive interview with Imamu Sukumu

by Lenwood G. Davis

Imamu Vernon Sukumu, West Coast Chairman of the Congress of African People and West Coast Co-Convenor for the National Black Political Convention, was recently the keynote speaker for the first Oregon Black Political Convention and granted me the following exclusive interview.

INTERVIEWER: Mr. Sukumu, how can Blacks in the United States gain political power? SUKUMU: There are four (4) areas that Blacks must develop political sophistication. First, Blacks must be elected to political offices because political power determines economic power. Those Blacks that are elected must represent the interest of Black people and Blacks must constantly see to it that the interest of Black people are



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be community organization. All Black community groups must unite for a common cause and good organization will be the key to successful programs. If all the organizations cannot agree then the majority will have to work without them. The organizational goals need not be large ones, they can be of a small but significant nature. Third, there must be a coalition alliance with non-Black groups, such as the poor people's group, the welfare rights groups, the Indians, Chicano, Orientals and poor whites. In other words Blacks should have alliances with any group, people, or organizations that can help our cause. Fourth, Blacks may use disruption tactics to get its point over. For example, an organization may disrupt a meeting in order that the group will recognize it and hear its point.

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### Summer Time students tour Canada

Nineteen students of the St. Andrew's Summer Time Program earned money to visit Canada for four days. The young people will stay in churches and cook their own meals during the trip. Father Gordon Dickey is director of the program, which sponsors educational and recreational activities for sixty elementary school youngsters.

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