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The Observer learned as we were going to press that Attorney Chaivoe was granted 10 days in which to file a "writ of certiorari" in Cheryl James' behalf. A motion to continue her on bail during that period was also granted. The Cheryl James Fund Committee pointed out that "the 24 hours of crisis through which Cheryl has just passed is not really over, since she has only been granted time to be free."

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Court orders Cheryl James back to prison!



Girls Choir seeks members

The Portland Oregon Girls Choir is, at present, conducting auditions by appointment. This choir is quite well known, having just returned from its annual summer tour through British Columbia, Canada, where the girls were welcomed by the Honorable Tom Campbell, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, and the Honorable W.A.C. Bennett, premier of the Province of British Columbia. The choirls were given the honor and distinction of being the finest Girls Choir in the Great Pacific Northwest. They have engagements lined up for Mexico and Central America next year.

Conductor of the Portland Oregon Girls Choir is professor Joseph L. Correa, an outstanding musician from Peru, who organized the choir in September of 1971. Mr. Correa completed his degree in Music Education at the Conservatory of Music in Lima, Peru and then traveled around the world gathering his music education.

Professor Correa has set down three objectives for the Portland Oregon Girls Choir: To develop a better understanding of good music; to promote professional musicianship; and to bring happiness to the world through music.

If you have a girl in your home between the ages of 8 and 13 who has a good voice and likes to sing, then you might want to put her in touch with a real music experience. Each choirls receives instruction in music theory, history, ear training, sight reading, creative arts, posture, interpretative movement, state presence, concert etiquette, tour etiquette and personal discipline.

If you are interested in having your daughter audition for the Portland Oregon Girls Choir, please call 281-8393, or write to P.O. Box 20392, Portland, Oregon 97220, for an appointment.

Robeson receives Whitney Young Award

Paul Robeson, Sr., often referred to as the "father of the civil rights movement," was named the recipient of the 2nd Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. National Memorial Award. Also named to receive Young Awards were Dr. Susie Bryant and Robert Bernhard.

The selections of the recipients of the awards were announced by the Board of Directors of the New York Urban League.

Dr. Bryant, innovator of the New York Urban League's famed Street Academies, will receive the Young Service Award. Mr. Bernhard, former president of the New York Urban League, will receive the Young Industrial Award. All three recipients will receive a bronze plaque; in addition Mr. Robeson will receive a special medallion. The plaque inscriptions will read as follows:

The New York Urban League-Whitney M. Young, Jr. National Memorial Award to Paul Robeson, Sr. for achievement in the betterment of Brotherhood and Mankind through equality.

Of Mr. Robeson, Ebony Magazine recently said: "One of the most multi-faceted geniuses of recorded history for nearly a half century, Paul Robeson, now 81 at 74 years of age, dedicated himself totally to the cause of the liberation of all oppressed people irrespective of color," writes Sterling Stuckey. "At one time hailed as the greatest end ever to tread the gridiron; at another time called the greatest bass baritone in the world, Robeson was also one of the world's greatest actors. A lawyer and linguist -- he mastered two

dozen languages and possesses some knowledge of a half dozen more -- Robeson is a Pan-Africanist who has long envisioned a family of nations in which Africans and Asians and New World blacks will play a decisive role. When his scholarship is better known, he will win recognition as the finest ideologist of black nationalism since Sidney of the early 1840s. His writings will also reveal him as one of the century's most perceptive commentators on the cultures of the East, the West and Africa. No black man has ever had more to give -- or has given more -- to his people than Robeson. His enormous gifts and his incontestable humanity should easily earn him a place on any list of great men." And Dr. Vincent Harding adds: "I think Robeson and DuBois represent in tandem a tenacious keeping of the faith for us during some very very difficult days of persecution, red-baiting and everything else. Black consciousness was grasped and articulated in very crucial ways by Robeson and DuBois."

Mr. Bernhard, who was formerly with Lehman Brothers, is a general partner of Abraham & Company.

Dr. Susie Bryant, a former professor of history at Winston-Salem Teachers College and Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State University, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Englewood, New Jersey and a former director of remedial reading of HARYOU ACT, Inc.'s Project Uplift. Dr. Bryant was also acting principal and director of Tutorial Services of Newark Preparatory School.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco has ordered that 18 year old Cheryl James be returned to Terminal Island Federal Prison. Cheryl recently revealed that she was raped while in prison and is expecting a child any day. Cheryl was sentenced to federal prison on April 15, 1971 when she was a 17 year old high school student, but was not committed until after her High School graduation on June 7 of that year.

Cheryl was found guilty of the charges of assaulting a federal officer who had broken into her home to arrest her older brother, Charles, an AWOL serviceman. On January 4, 1971, Cheryl was at home with her mother and 13 brothers and sisters, when two federal officers broke into the home. In the confusion that resulted, one of the officers grabbed 14 year old David, who was trying to restrain the family dog. Cheryl, fearing for her younger brother, struck the officer with a rolling pin.

Charles had asked for leave to marry his fiancée before his baby was born, but the leave had been cancelled. The family maintains that federal officials and Congresswoman Edith Green had been aware that Charles was living at home and that the officer's approach to the family was abusive. Charles and Cheryl was sent to prison and Martha was placed on probation.

Cheryl was released in March on \$5,000 cash bail that was raised by the bi-racial Cheryl James Fund Committee, pending an appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Her attorney, Nick Chaivoe, charged that Cheryl had been denied her constitutional right to a jury trial, since she had not been fully aware of her rights when she waived a jury



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trial. The appeal was heard by a panel of three judges from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision handed down on July 20th found by a majority of 20 to 1 against Cheryl. However, Justice Shirley Hufstедler filed a dissenting opinion saying that Cheryl's constitutional rights to a jury trial had been denied.

Attorney Nick Chaivoe was in Europe at the time the opinion was handed down. His secretary was in the hospital. As a result, the writ of review asking for a new hearing was late being filed. On Monday, September 11th,

the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that Cheryl be picked up and returned to federal prison since the period of appeal had passed. She was given a two day stay, and was to be picked up on Wednesday, September 13th.

Valerie Taylor, International President of the ILWU Federal Auxiliary presented a statement representing members from Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska and British Columbia which reads as follows:

"Cheryl James was sentenced at 17 to a correctional (Continued on pg. 8, col. 4)

Voter registration drive begins

The Council on Voter Education and Registration is conducting a month long drive to promote voter registration in Multnomah County. Beginning Saturday, September 9, volunteer canvasses will be going door-to-door in Multnomah County informing the public of registration procedures and registration locations.

The following facts emphasize the importance of registration:

- (1) The 1968 Presidential race was decided by a margin of 511,000 votes--less than 1%.
- (2) The 1968 Oregon Senatorial race was decided by less than one vote per precinct.
- (3) Only 58% of Americans eligible to vote are registered to vote.

Grant Nelson, spokesman for the Council, stated that

"the registration drive will inform eligible voters that registering to vote is a simple process." He added that registration locations are scattered throughout all neighborhoods in Multnomah County in banks, schools, Safeway and Meier and Frank stores, the Portland Labor Center, the County Courthouse, City Hall, and at many private homes.

The Council will urge all those voters who have moved or changed their name to register. Those who will be 18 years of age by November 7th and those who have lived in Oregon thirty days by November 7th will also be encouraged to register.

October 7th marks the last day a person can register and be eligible to vote in the general election on November 7th.

Highland festival

"Highlights of Highland", a showing of fashions made by children and adults in the Highland sewing room, and demonstrations of other center activities will be held at Cascade College, 715 N. Killingsworth on September 13th at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Sam Johnson, founder of Highland Community Center, and Rev. Daniel Frazier, director, will explain the centers goals and projects.



ERNEST HARTZOG

NAACP hears Hartzog

Members of the Portland Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on Sept. 17 plan to hear an address by an administrator of the Portland School District.

Ernest Hartzog, superintendent's associate for community and staff relations,

will speak on "Intergroup and Multi-Culture Programs in the Portland Public Schools." Timed at 4 p.m., the meeting will be held at the Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Ave.

Ellis Casson, president of the Portland chapter, said the NAACP meeting is open to the public.

by John H. Jackson, President Albina Ministerial Alliance

Having lived in Portland for seven years, it has been a real source of interest and study in human nature to follow the creeping kinds of false concepts of black representation in our governmental and administrative arena. It is a common fact that most of the Blacks appointed were already on the

Will the city council appoint a Black?

One of the first actions of the new Mayor of the City of Portland and his fellow Commissioners will be to appoint someone to fill the vacancy created by his election. Many names are being mentioned, but the black community is requesting that a black person be named to this position. In recent weeks, the Black Caucus sponsored Community Convention favored Chalmers Jones; and AMA, NAACP, and the Urban League met together and selected C. Don Vann and Ellis Casson.

The City Commissioners have publically stated that they will not name a person who has run for election against present city council members. This would eliminate Ellis Casson, as well as several white contenders.

At that time we were not close enough to even get public mention. We can see that at least this is a step forward, a semblance of recognition, when Chalmers Jones is being considered along with the other people from whom the appointment will be made.

I am aware, as are other groups -- the Urban League and the NAACP -- that our voting strength is not great enough to elect a black person. So, if we are to try our wings in administration, it will be through appointment. It is my personal feeling that if the Green Amendment is activated and a Human Resources Department established, and if a black person is placed in charge of that department, this will be a political payoff and it will not be considered necessary to appoint a black to the city council because we will have a black in a high level ad-

ministrative position. This would fit into the kind of creeping representation we have had.

I would hope that a black person be appointed to the city council who would be truly representative of the black community in all its phases and would be free from other tie-ups that would prevent him from representing the feelings and demands for black and white progress in Portland.

I am always afraid that the curse of white liberals becomes a demeaning factor in these appointments. They decide who to appoint, and they only appoint those whom they assume are good for us and who think the way whites want them to think. If this is done, we will have a representative who is not representative, and the black community will be black-washed with a dot of white tokenism. We will have been given the appearance of having progressed, while in fact, we have not.

I am not a politician. Therefore, it is difficult for me, as it is for many members of the black community, to understand the games the politicians play.

Again, I ask the question: Does the city council really, honestly intend to appoint a black to the city council? On the face of it, my answer is 'no'. I sincerely hope I am wrong.



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