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Oregon elects first Black legislator



Ambassador visits Albina

by Jim Rogers

The Honorable J. Monoo, the Ghanaian ambassador to the United States, spoke last Saturday at Nero Industries on Union Avenue, in a lecture sponsored by the Northwest Institute of African and Black-American Studies of Portland State University.

Ambassador Monoo centered his lecture on "the necessity of increased links and functional ties between Africans and Black Americans." Monoo, who became Ghana's ambassador to the United States four months ago, is presently touring the Northwest and Western states to improve understanding and relationships between Black Africans and Black Americans.

Mr. Monoo said that all informed Africans are favorably impressed and grateful

to those individuals and organizations that had contributed significantly to the international Black liberation struggle over the many years of oppression. He cited W.E.B. Dubois and Marcus Garvey as "prime examples."

Ambassador Monoo emphasized the destructive and willful distortion of information on African affairs by white mass-media publications and institutions, and he added that this is one of the many attempts "by our enemies" to divide and separate Africans and Black Americans. Monoo added that this adverse propaganda prevents close ties and contracts between Black people throughout the world and also results in lack of understanding of the revolutionary movements in Black Africa. He said

the majority of African countries "wholeheartedly welcome Black American tourists and are also interested in accelerating student and teacher education exchange programs." Monoo added that white Americans were also welcome to work in Ghana "if they do not come as imperialistic exploiters or missionaries."

Monoo said Ghana is an active member of the Organization of African Unity and contributes to revolutionary groups throughout Africa. He added that the white governments of South Africa, Angola, South Rhodesia and others "have no right to be in Black Africa and that there were indications that they would eventually be destroyed by re-

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Demos rule Senate

Democrats have apparently won control of the Oregon Senate for the first time since 1959 but the leadership of the Oregon House is still in doubt.

Based on incomplete election returns, the Democrats won 10 Senate seats and they have eight holdover senators. This would give 18 out of 30 member Senate and a majority even if the two Democrats who joined Republicans to organize the 1971 Senate vote with the GOP next year.

Those elected to the Oregon House of Representatives to represent the Albina area are: Stephen Kafoury, Democrat, District 13; Dr. Howard Cherry, Democrat, District 14; Wally Priestly, Democrat, District 16 and Lloyd Kinsey, Republican, District 18.



Judge Deiz

Mercedes Deiz was elected to the Circuit Court, Court of Domestic Relations, for Multnomah County. Judge Deiz is currently a member of the District Court.



Bill McCoy

William McCoy was elected to the Oregon State House Representatives by the people of District #15. A Democrat, McCoy will take office in January, 1973.

Board of Education gets Brenda Green

Brenda Green has been appointed coordinator of Manpower Development and Training Act (MDTA) for the Oregon Board of Education. She coordinates funds coming to the Portland metropolitan area including those for the Concentrated Employment Program. She is the Oregon Board of Education representative to the MDTA Portland local operations committee and representative for budget and office procedures for the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District.

staff in-service, interagency Charles Jordan, Model Cities Director.

Mrs. Green is a graduate of the University of Maryland and studied at Seattle University. She is married to Edmund G. Green. She is a member of the NAACP, the State Inter-group Human Relations Commission, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, American Businesswomen's Association and is a Junior Stewardess of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The overall goals of MDTA are to administer funds and

Jordan goes to City Hall

Charles Jordan, Director of Model Cities, one of the most outstanding community leaders in Portland, moves his office downtown to start the ground work for his new position as Acting Director of the Bureau of Human Resources. Mr. Jordan said he was "very delighted" with the job. "It is a great opportunity to help a great number of people," Jordan said.

Mr. Jordan was named as Acting Director of the Bureau of Human Resources by

Mayor elect Neil Goldschmidt.

The affable public official has been with Model Cities for the past two years, serving as the third Director of Model Cities.

Close friends of energetic Mr. Jordan always seem amazed at his apparent constant energy. "How can he find the time to attend so many meetings and keep so many social appointments," is a remark frequently heard wherever Charles Jordan appears.

Before taking on the new position, Jordan named Andy Rauberson as Acting Director of Model Cities. He also named Mrs. Faye Lyday as co-ordinator of the Social Department succeeding Mr. C. Watts Yancy.

"Brenda Green's resignation was a great loss, but Edna Robertson served as Mrs. Green's assistant, so I feel that Edna Robertson will do a splendid job," Jordan said. "I have the utmost confidence in Edna Robertson, so I have named her as Acting Co-ordinator of Citizen Participation."

Jordan also named Laurie Oseran as Model Cities Information Specialist. She is a graduate of Boston University, majoring in journalism.

Charles Jordan does not feel that he is leaving Model Cities. He is a Model Cities home owner; he is affiliated with many organizations in Model Cities; he is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, which is in the heart of Model Cities.

Charles Jordan was asked if he thought his leaving would cause Model Cities to suffer. Jordan answered quickly. "With such an efficient staff and a well organized board, along with many concerned citizens, there is no doubt in my mind the Model Cities will continue to grow." Jordan said the Model Cities Board is one of the best boards that he has worked with. Before coming to Portland, Jordan was assistant City Manager at Palm Springs, California.

E. C. Soul hits airwaves

by Rosemary Allen

You might have had your first experience with Mr. E.C. Soul in the same manner as I did. You turned your radio dial one sunny Sunday afternoon, knowing from the get-go that you would never find real soul music on a radio in Portland. But, just as you reached the end of your dial and the end of your patience, there it was: that good old funky beat. Some soul music, at last, at last.

Now perhaps you're wondering who the man is that's spinning these funky sounds. The brother is Mr. E.C. Soul. What does E.C. stand for? I don't know and E.C. refused to tell me; however, he did inform me that is 24 years of age, free (unmarried), and is a former resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Although Mr. Soul uses KGAR's broadcasting facilities, he has nothing to do with the radio station itself. He pays and maintains the monies for his program.

By now, from what you have read, you know that Mr. E.C. Soul is black, young and above all independent. Some rare qualities in this society. His program is directed toward Black people of all ages for the sole reason of initiating a basis of communication for somehow bringing this community closer together. Mr. Soul explains, "My program may not do the whole job, but it's a start." And Mr. Soul's program format is only a start. On November 25, the E.C. Soul show will broad-

cast some Black history involving great black heroes and heroines of the past. He also plans to bring in some Black poetry. Eventually, Mr. Soul plans to bring in all-black newscasts with community oriented news.

The E.C. Soul show is broadcasted on Sunday afternoons from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; however, time expansion depends upon many of the black businesses who have not heeded the call. A black thing for black people is hard enough to get off the ground in itself. But without the duress and support of the community it serves, efforts become aimless. Response from the black community has been good; however, some of the black businesses are judging this program from

Seminar scheduled

The Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee will present the 4th and 5th Home Maintenance and Financing Seminars on November 27th through November 30th. The seminars will be held at 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Concentrated Employment Program, 220 N.E. Russell Street.

All residents of North, Northeast and Southeast Portland are invited to participate free.

Participants must pre-register between November

1st and November 20 by telephone or in person. If you have any difficulty such as transportation or babysitting, you may apply for financial assistance during pre-registration.

Topics of the Seminar are: Home Maintenance (November 27), Home Financing (November 28), Home Maintenance (November 29), and Home Financing (November 30).

For further information, contact PMSG at 233-6451, or TAAC at 288-8345, or PACT at 233-8491.



Brenda Green

Mrs. Green was formerly Director of Citizens' Participation for the Model Cities Program. A home owner and resident of the Model Neighborhood, she is still involved in programs affecting this community.

Mrs. Green credits much of her administrative ability and competence to deal with people of many different levels to the two and one-half years she spent under the supervision of

projects, to develop and implement methods of providing communication and program evaluation; to provide staff organization and leadership to present implementation of Oregon MDTA programs.

Mrs. Green told the Observer, "MDTA has enabled those persons are down and out or who have never before had practical opportunity to acquire job skills to help themselves become independent, self-sufficient workers."

Sickle Cell Clinic

The Portland Trail Blazers are sponsoring a Sickle Cell Anemia testing program Saturday, November 11 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Portland Sickle Cell Foundation located at 3620 N. Vancouver Avenue in the More-For-Less Shopping Center. Tickets will be available for the November 12 game against Kansas City for all persons participating.



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