

"Voice of the NAACP"

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Portland Branch, NAACP

This writer was informed last weekend that the Public Broadcasting System is trying to kill public affairs programs for 1973. Among the shows on the cutting block is the controversial black program "Black Journal". Therefore, I am sharing with you the following statement and ask that you let your voice be heard - LOUD AND CLEAR. Unless there is an outcry from the leadership and the Black community, Black Journal, our only nationally televised Black affairs program, faces extinction next year. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's contribution to this country educational television programming is a strategic plot to kill Black points of view, a "march to the rear of the Civil War."

CPB President, Henry L. Loomis, has called for Public Television to develop specialized audiences, but he sees Black Journal's appeal to a special audience, Black people, as an audience not to be considered.

In order to lessen his arrogant racism, CPB President Henry L. Loomis, in the name of Thomas B. Curtis, Chairman of the Board for Public Broadcasting, has attempted to lay the blame for CPB's attitude toward Black Journal on the discontent of selected "Negro (sic) leaders," whom he refuses to name. If elected Black officials are not a major portion of this Black leadership, then who is Loomis and Curtis talking about?

Ironically, CPB's own polls show a wide acceptance of Black Journal by Black leaders and by the Black community and a larger one in general than other public TV programs.

The reason for the lies and coverups is the same reason that limits all Black programs funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to less than \$1 million out of a \$50 million budget. CPB's new white affairs program for the next season will be "Crime Gazette" concentrating on "law and order" techniques, and we know what that means.

One easily recognizes the hidden agenda of Loomis and Curtis when it is a matter of record that the representatives of the 230 public stations recommended to CPB that Black Journal be refunded and remain a part of next years programming.

Because of rumors and recent reports in the December 14 issue of the Washington Post ("PUBLIC T.V. MAY DROP 'BLACK JOURNAL'"), Friends of Black Journal chapters, past participants on the program, other Black leaders and just plain interested viewers, may from your area of representation, have flooded CPB's switchboard and Black Journal's with calls to verify or dispel the rumor. But more importantly, all have asked what can we do? We have made the following suggestions:

1. Write and/or telephone Henry L. Loomis, President of CPB and Thomas B. Curtis, Chairman of the Board at CPB headquarters in Washington, D.C., Corporation for Public Broadcasting 888 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 - (202) 293-6160
2. Write your elected officials urging them to protect your rights to the airways and the proper use of your tax dollars.
3. Write and/or call your local PTV Station and let them know how you feel about the



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issues and Black Journal. Note: Public T.V. stations through its representative PBS, recommended to CPB that Black Journal be refunded and maintained in next years programming.

Whether Black Journal is cancelled or not depends on whether the protest is loud enough this time. But the real question to be answered is when will white people stop dictating our needs to us and when will our voices raised in union be enough to bury the Loomises and Curtises and replace them with well-meaning, committed spokesmen in positions of authority, and when will white people in Public T.V. give us something back for our tax dollars besides insults.

The local NAACP Board of Directors will meet on Monday January 8th at 7:30 p.m. (NAACP-OFFICE).

This will be the first meeting since election.

The General Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 14th 4:00 p.m. - Bethel AME. The installation of officers will take place. Mildred A. Schwab, newly appointed Councilwoman will be our special guest. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

Alcohol counselors organize

At the regular scheduled workshop, conducted by the U.C. Santa Cruz extension, held in Aberdeen, Washington, the Oregon-Washington group voted to become members of the National Association of Alcoholism Counselors and Trainers.

This organization is the outgrowth of the concentrated efforts to do battle with alcoholism, that has developed in the last two or three years, using a new concept; instead of professional counselors leading the way, paraprofessionals are used, people who are either recovering alcoholics or have had real close association with the problem.

These programs have been in existence through out the U.S. since 1970, and one of the outstanding programs (getting particular notice for its success, not only in the north-west district but on a nation wide evaluation) is the Alcoholism Counseling and Recovery Program in Portland, Oregon, an agency operating under the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee.

There are similar programs of this kind funded through O.E.O., located in the Washington-Oregon area and many other Alcohol programs that will be eligible for membership in NAACT. NAACT's objective and goals are to furnish better service to the alcoholic and their families, through exchange of ideas,



Emile Summers was elected chairman of the Board of Directors for NAACT.

methods, and resources, making it possible to have high quality standards for all participants; also to serve as an advocate for attaining recognition from others in the Alcoholism Programs, and to represent its membership in regional and national affairs assuring an equal status for those working in alcoholism professional and paraprofessional alike.

At the first meeting of NAACT, by-laws were accepted and District officers chosen. Those elected to serve on the first Board of Directors were: Mrs. Sybil Bullock, Director of the Alcohol Counsel located in Salem, Oregon; Ms. Trudie Gideon, South Bend, Washington; Mr. Ernie Heaton, Medford, Ore-

gon's Alcohol Counseling Program; Mr. David Wright, Director, Everett, Washington Alcohol Program; Mr. Bob McCarthy of the Baker, Oregon Program; and Mr. Emile Summers, from the Alcoholism Counseling and Recovery Program, Portland, Oregon. Elected Chairman of the Board was Mr. Emile Summers, of Portland, Oregon. Secretary was Bob Higgins of Hoquiam, and Treasurer, Ms. Trudie Gideon, South Bend, Washington.

Information on NAACT may be had by addressing a letter to any of the above officers. For Portland letters, write to Mr. Emile Summers, P.O. Box 14628, Portland, Oregon 97214, or call 233-6541 Ext. 49.

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"Freedom of Press" bill urged

Senator Mark Hatfield said that enacting legislation to insure freedom of the press "must be a top priority item when Congress reconvenes next month."

"For nearly 200 years, a

free press has served this country as a balance to government," Hatfield said. "Its unbridled voice is as vital today as it was in 1776," he said.

Hatfield said that basic

First Amendment freedoms are threatened by recent court action eroding the ability of newsmen to present information to the American public. "Congress must act to see that undue judicial interference is removed from the news gathering and dissemination process," he said.

He said he is drafting a proposal to insure freedom of the press by providing legislative protection to newsmen to protect their news sources.

Air Force eliminates waiting period

Now there is no waiting to get into the United States Air Force. That Announcement was made today by Air Force Recruiter Master-Sergeant Lavern J. Neinstadt.

According to Sergeant Neinstadt, expansion of existing programs has provided the needed space in Air Force Technical School classrooms to enable young men who are high school graduates to enlist for their choice of careers. The starting salary is now over \$300.00 each month with

generous housing and rations money for men with families. Mechanics and Electronics head the list of Air Force needs, with many openings currently available in administrative jobs.

The Air Force offers a free aptitude test which is administered every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. To make an appointment to take the test, call 222-7433 in Portland or drop by the office at 321 S.W. Salmon Street.

Jackson resigns

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ager of the New Community Development Corporation, as well as HUD General Assistant Secretary.

His December 13 letter of resignation was accepted by the President "with deep regret".

The President commended Mr. Jackson for "four years of distinguished service in HUD's wide-ranging area of activities. I particularly valued the dynamic, exacting direction you gave to the Community Planning and Management programs," he wrote.

Black employment

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Among the major occupational groups, a marked decline in unemployment was registered by white-collar workers, whose rate dropped from 3.6 to 3.1 percent. Within the white-collar group, the rate for professional and technical workers dropped from 2.8 to 2.1 percent after rising sharply in October, and that for clerical workers decreased from 4.8 to 3.9 percent. The rates for blue-collar workers (5.8 percent) and service workers (6.4 percent) showed little over-the-month change, but the blue-collar rate was substantially below its year-ago level (7.5 percent).

Given the stability in the level of employment and the drop in unemployment, the labor force declined over the month by 240,000 (seasonally adjusted) to a level of 87.0 million. Over the past year, the labor force has risen by 1.6 million workers (after eliminating the effects of the 1970 census population control adjustment introduced in January 1972).



FBI and Portland Police sift the debris among the Navy Recruiting office looking for clues. The office was dynamited early Tuesday morning.

Black universities welcome NROTC

Two more predominantly Black universities now have Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) units. This makes a total of five Black colleges or universities which now offer NROTC training.

The two latest ones are North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C. and Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida. The units are commanded by Navy Commanders Raymond A. Lambert, and Benjamin T. Hacker, respectively.

Principal speaker at the North Carolina University dedication ceremony on October 27th was Secretary of the Navy John W. Warner. The Secretary told the assembled midshipmen that

duty, honor, and country were things that would guide them throughout their naval careers. He spoke of the "profession of the sea" and said that good judgement, leadership, and honor and courtesy were as much a part of that profession as that art of seamanship. He closed by welcoming them to the Navy, adding "Gentlemen, we need you... we thank you for joining us."

On November 8, 1972, Rear Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., the Director of Naval Communications, and the first Black admiral in naval history, spoke at the dedication ceremonies at Florida A & M University. He told the midshipmen the

history of the NROTC program and traced the increase in the number of Black officers from the first 12 in 1944 to the more than we have today. The



REAR ADMIRAL SAMUEL L. GRAVELY, JR., the Director of Naval Communications, makes the dedication speech in ceremonies which took place at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, on November 8, 1972.

Admiral said that he envied the young men and that a world of opportunity lay ahead of them. "I am confident," he said, "that this unit will grow and enrich our service, this university and our Nation."

The other three Black schools offering NROTC training are Prairie View A & M in Texas; Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; and Savannah State College, Georgia.

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students at Whitaker Elementary School.
- PPS - (For further information, contact: Fran Baumann, public information specialist, 234-3392, Ext. 336)

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the CWE Program, the employer is providing a better-trained product for the future labor market.

It is the ultimate goal of the college to have work experience as a requirement for all areas of vocational instruction.

There is a tremendous need for employers to use CWE students in their organizations. We, at Portland Community College, solicit your assistance in this program. For further information, please contact our office at 244-6111 extension 346: James Booser or Carl Parker.