

"Voice of the NAACP"

by Ellis Casson, President

The young, Black congressman, Andrew Young, from the 5th District in Georgia, described, in his opinion, the current level of progress in human relations between Black and white citizens of America.

He commented, "... white politicians were frank, they called us 'niggers'. This was before we started standing up and demanding our rights as men and women. Before we started registering and voting. When we became 30 percent of the voting population in some districts we became 'nigras'. Later still, at 40 percent, we were either 'nee-grows' or 'colored people'. And by the time we had gotten a clear majority in some areas of the South, the politicians adopted us as their 'Black brothers'."

The observations made by Congressman Young can be made applicable in every field of endeavor in all communities across the width and breadth of this country.

Blacks in Portland have also made progress. They (we) are daily making meaningful contributions to the success of projects affecting the total community. They (we) have assumed responsible roles in developing programs designed to solve problems and to bring people of all ethnic groups together in greater harmony.

I've said time and time again that local Black children are in dire need of success symbols other than the dope pusher and criminal elements plaguing the Black community, the modern day "Super-Fly" if you please.

Adequate recognition of



local Black leaders is way past due. The long list of community minded Blacks in Portland are the non-recognized Bethune, Douglass and Caver of today. There are those who do not have a free evening to relax and enjoy the comforts of home life. They are too busy with meetings and helping to finalize plans which enhance the growth of the morale fiber of the minority community.

There are those who are deserving because they have achieved in business or some profession. There are those who are deserving because of their contributions to the welfare of our children. There are the long suffering ministers and teachers and officials in government, labor organizations and service groups. They all go about doing their thing without any expectation of recognition.

The Black Community must follow the white community in saying "thank you" to those of us who have tried to make this a better community in which we all can be proud.

Let us not forget those who made it possible for us younger "Blacks" to find our place in the sun.

Kafoury reports from Salem

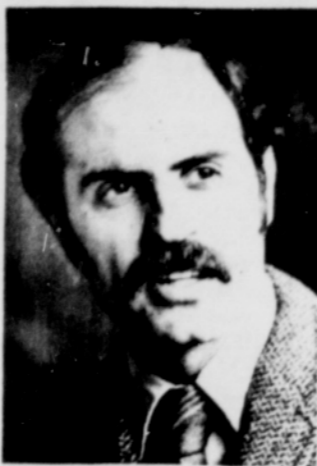
As your Representative, I am very happy to have the opportunity to begin sharing with you weekly the news of what's happening with the State Legislature in Salem.

Eight weeks have gone by and so far the House of Representatives has passed only two pieces of important legislation, but this is because of the system in which most decisions are made in committee. The Oregon State Legislature has passed the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution which gives legal equality to women. We have also passed a major tax reform bill which will directly affect all the people in the state.

You will be hearing much more about the tax bill later. It is now being considered by the Senate and then will be presented in April for the vote of the people. Very likely the Legislature will take a short recess so that the members will have an opportunity to come back into their communities and discuss with the citizens the details of this bill. Basically the tax reform program eliminates home-owners property tax as a source of revenue for schools and replaces it with an increase in income taxes. The result of this is that people with higher incomes will be paying more taxes and those with lower incomes will be paying less.

It has been estimated that most Oregonians with an income of \$15,000 a year or less will be paying a lower tax bill, if the people of the state vote for the new tax program. Important features for residents of the Model Cities area are a continuation of the special low income property tax relief and renters tax relief.

There are many other bills which are being worked on in committees with signifi-

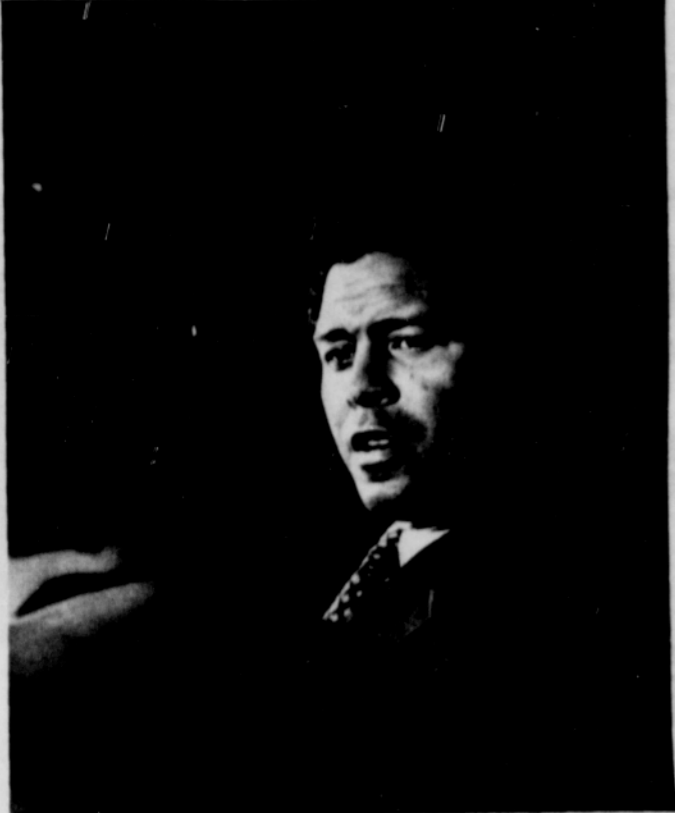


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cance for Model Cities residents. One of these is a proposal to take money from the gasoline tax to use for mass transit. This would have the effect of increasing Tri-Met services in the Portland area and also lowering the air pollution which is becoming a severe problem in Portland. There are several bills giving tenants more rights in dealing with their landlords. Also of inland. A standard procedure of insurance companies for many years was "redlining". This practice of drawing a line around a low income area and refusing to issue fire or theft insurance to merchants included in the district was contributing to the deterioration of Portland's inner city. A bill was passed in the 1971 Session of the State Legislature to outlaw red-lining but it was only in effect for two years. Senate Bill 45, which was heard in the House Local Interest is a bill sponsored by Representative Priestley and myself which would make Martin Luther King's birthday a state holiday.

The Oregon House of Representatives passed a measure Thursday which pertains directly to the Model Cities neighborhood in Port-

I am very anxious to hear from you about your concerns on these and other matters facing the state legislature. Please write me at the State Capitol Building in Salem. There is a toll free number at the Capitol to call for information on any pending legislation: 1-800-452-0290.



John Jenkins, Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, one of the Nixon Administration's highest ranking Black appointees, stated that he will soon resign to return to private business.

Jenkins has reportedly been at odds with the Nixon administration. OMBE was established in 1969 by executive order of President Nixon to coordinate federal minority enterprise programs and to encourage private sector action in developing minority business.

Yturri joins Highway Commission

Former State Senator Anthony Yturri of Ontario was appointed today by Governor Tom McCall to a three-year term on the Oregon Highway Commission.

Yturri will succeed Fred Hill of Pendleton, whose term expires March 31. Hill declined reappointment to the commission.

Yturri, 58, was first elected to the Oregon Senate in 1956, and served four terms. He didn't seek re-election in 1972.

McCall said, "Acceptance of the Highway Commission appointment by Tony Yturri is Oregon's good fortune. Senator Yturri is informed, articulate and personable. He was my first choice to succeed Fred Hill, and I'm delighted that he was willing to take on this rigorous chore."

Glenn Jackson of Medford is chairman of the commission. The third member is Ted Bruno of Portland.

Yturri was born in Jordan Valley. He received bache-

lor's and law degrees at the University of Oregon. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Yturri has been in the private practice of law in Ontario since graduation from law school in 1937. He was named Ontario city attorney in 1938. In World War II he served in the Army's Counter-Intelligence Corps and in the Judge Advocate's Department. He was discharged with the rank of captain.

In the 1971 legislative session Yturri was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and served on committees on highways and on criminal law and procedure. He guided through the Senate the new Oregon Criminal Code, the first comprehensive revision of state criminal law in more than a century. He formerly served as chairman of the State Criminal Law Revision Commission, which drafted the code changes.

Yturri is married to the former Reme Jayo of Boise.

Let Me Live

Let me live like a man.
A man Strong and Brave.
Able to give my brother a helping hand.
Let me live to see my wife well and happy.
With her skin dark and black, and her hair short and nappy.
Let me live to see my son grow tall and proud.
and not ashamed to shout it out loud.
Let me live to be free.
Lord, that day will I ever see.

pamela marshall

Programs for aging Face funds cut

Too many dollars will go for salaries, and too much authority will be given the Columbia Regional Association of Governments (CRAG), if current plans for senior citizen programs are carried out. The charge was made Tuesday by State Representative William "Bill" McCoy, Portland Democrat, who is a former director of a Foster Grandparent Program and currently serves as Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Aging of the Oregon Legislature.

McCoy was responding to a "string of phone calls and letters" which he says he gets on a daily basis from Portland area people who are concerned about the proposed funneling of federal money, intended for senior citizens, directly through the State Program on Aging and into the regional "super-agency" for further distribution. "From reports that I've seen this week," McCoy said, "thirty percent of the money from the federal level would be creamed off to staff appointments and overhead at CRAG. But there's strong resistance, too, against CRAG entering into social service planning and service."

According to McCoy, the City-County Commission on Aging, and the Clackamas-Columbia-Washington Counties Agency on Aging were set up within the last year, with the understanding that they would each be designated as Area-wide Agencies for Aging, and would receive and administer funds from the Federal Administration on Aging which are channeled through the State Program on Aging in Salem. The arbitrary designation of CRAG as the grantee agency does not reflect the desires of older people, or the advice of public administrators of many programs which currently serve senior citizens in Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia and Washington counties, McCoy said.

"We're past the point in time when just one or two administrators can make the decisions about public pro-

grams that serve people," the solon said. "People themselves have to be involved in those decisions, and I hope that this problem can be opened up for further investigation and involvement of many persons who are so vitally interested."

McCoy said that he would be talking this week with Directors of Project ABLE, ("A Better Life for Elderly"); with Mildred Schwab, new Human Resources Director for the City of Portland; Clackamas-Columbia-Washington Counties Agency on Aging officials; and members of the City-County Commission on Aging.

By joining any classes in the Portland Institute of Lifetime Learning, the years after fifty-five can become some of the most enriched and the fullest for those who find growth and achievement through experimenting with new ideas and knowledge, thus adventuring in the ever-renewed discovery of their own mental potentials.

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King praises book

The following telegram has been received from Mrs. Corretta Scott King on the occasion of the publication by the Joint Center for Political Studies of THE MAKING OF A BLACK MAYOR, by John Dean. The book is a study of the strategies and techniques that contributed to the election of A.J. Cooper as the first Black mayor of Prichard, Alabama. Mr. Dean was Mayor Cooper's campaign manager. Its publication by the Joint Center was announced at a press conference Feb. 21.

"The 1967 Civil Rights Act guaranteed to people in America the right to vote; it did not, however, guarantee them the skill to use that vote. John Dean's book, THE MAKING OF A BLACK MAYOR, addresses itself to this problem. Mr. Dean's extensive experience in the political arena makes this book a definitive primer in practical politics for Black people, rather than a sterile intellectual study good for library shelves and nothing else. With the election of such people as Andrew Young to Congress in Atlanta, and A.J. Cooper to the Mayor's post in Prichard, we find ourselves on the threshold of a new era of sophistication in Black politics. In both of these campaigns the candidates were able to speak to issues which deal with the needs of all people. The campaigns of our future Black mayors, congressmen and senators will profit from the use of

the techniques utilized in these two campaigns, and set forth in Mr. Dean's book. It is my expectation that copies of THE MAKING OF A BLACK MAYOR will become dog-eared from use of many years to come!!

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