

## Burns discusses law

Senator Keith Burns, speaking to the general membership of the Portland Branch of the NAACP on Sunday, March 18, stated that the two most significant pieces of civil rights legislation in the Oregon Senate are House Bill (HB) 2807 and Senate Bill (SB) 475.

HB 2807 is another step in coverage of the prohibition of discrimination on the sale of residential housing. The present law applies only when a house is being sold by a realtor. HB 2807 extends this to include sales of housing by the owner as well.

Senate Bill 475 aims to prevent the state from issuing liquor licenses to establishments that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color and sex. The licenses issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission are valuable and vigorously sought after by businesses and pri-

ate interests. "The reason is obvious," Burns said, "because it permits them to make large sums of money. Some private clubs that have liquor licenses virtually exist off the profits they earn from the sale of liquor." It is common knowledge that many of these private clubs also discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed as far as letting people come in as guests or to become members of the organizations that own the clubs. SB 475 would add as a basis for suspending and revoking liquor licenses such discriminatory conduct by any licensee, including private clubs.

Senator Burns also pointed out that in this session of the Legislature, the Oregon State Senate has more Black employees than in any previous session. The Oregon Senate has worked vigorously to accomplish this.

## Rents increase

Rents are going up in Portland!!!! On January 10, the start of Phase III, all price controls on rent were removed. Since then, many low income people and people on fixed incomes have had to pay 10% - 30% more each month to continue living in apartments and houses that have seen few or no improvements in years.

There is a national movement to get local governments to do what the federal government will no longer

do. It is time for the City of Portland to accept its responsibility during this current emergency.

Get involved!!!! If you have had a rent increase since January 10, or know someone who has, please contact our office. Call or stop by. Information will be kept confidential.

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## Shield law

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Thus, she told the subcommittee, "it is imperative from the Black perspective as well as from a larger point of view that newsmen be allowed to gather and report news without interference especially from government."

Mrs. Murphy cited two sections of the Department of Justice Guidelines for Subpoenas to News Media and urged caution in the use of these guidelines.

Concluding her remarks, the AFRO board chairman stressed that the First Amendment and the Constitution had been "instruments which have enabled the Black press to survive."

She said NNPA calls upon all other information and education segments of our nation to "re-dedicate themselves to the principles of freedom embodied in the First Amendment and to the re-education of the American People to these principles." Seven of the nine members of the subcommittee, chaired by Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, attended the hearing, the final on the shield law legislation unless a special session is scheduled.

During the question period, Mrs. Murphy told the subcommittee that it was NNPA's view that "absolute law" would not be approved by Congress at this time, and therefore felt "the best law is the First Amendment."

## Sent Up The River By You

by Bill Jeffries,  
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Rep. Priestley

One of the major pieces of the political puzzle this session is the replacement of two-term Senate Finance Committee Chairman Senator Vern Cook. Vern is well known as an advocate of tax reform, while Senate President Boe has not established that kind of reputation.

Representative Priestley has made his position public in the following statement: "I deplore Boe's action. Senator Cook is a responsible and capable public servant. As an early and continuing supporter of the Governor's tax plan, I have recognized that it has been the President of the Senate who has played the role of major obstacle, raising abstract, publicity-seeking questions designed to fit his state-wide political ambitions."

Senator Cook and Representative Priestley are quite often close collaborators; most recently they shared sponsorship of the package of bills designed to benefit the sportsfishermen of the state. These bills are in fairly good shape in the Legislative process but could use more public input. Any reader interested in this subject should contact their representatives in Salem.

Wally Priestley recently has become involved in hearings on the bill to extend coverage of the minimum wage to farmworkers. It appears likely that the main

portion of the bill will receive the favorable Labor Committee response it deserves. However, Representative Priestley is working in opposition to a compromise which limits the impact to those between the ages of 18 and 64. The bill compromises are seemingly willing to leave the aged and the young without this necessary protection of the law.

House Bill 2312, which would provide an extra tax exemption to the handicapped, also is receiving Representative Priestley's attention in the Revenue Committee. Representative Priestley has pointed out his desire to change the exemption into a tax credit. A credit is of greater benefit to poorer taxpayers, and is of lesser benefit to richer taxpayers, while an exemption operates in the reverse.

It is of great importance to communicate with your legislators. Nothing is more welcomed in Wally's office than your advice. A representative is always a poor substitute for the rich complexity of the people.

## Dawson leads

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they work with the business. Most companies have been found to be flexible when confronted with a complaint; however, if there is no response from the company, Mr. Dawson would hand the case over to the Attorney General where further action would be taken.

Mr. Dawson sees much to do in the community. He is disturbed when people can continually get loans for cars, "but when you want to get a house, they say NO." And with the rising prices of food, shelter and transportation, it looks as though Mr. Dawson and the Consumer Protection Program really has a job set out for them. However, the tall, slender, bearded young man who conveyed this information to me in a cautious, but enthusiastic manner, seems ready for the challenge.

## Garnett

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The first break came when he played "Cotton Comes to Harlem" as a second run, together with "The Learning Tree" by Gordon Parks. He had more business in three days than he had in the previous month.

This success gave him the opportunity to obtain more films as second runs, since the film distributors are concerned with gross income and audience potential.

The Alameda's initial first run movie was "Black Jesus", the story of Patrice Lumumba. This was a 'heavy' film and did not draw well. The next first run was 'Honky', an interracial love story starring Brenda Sykes.

'Superfly' was the first Premier. There was a sell-out crowd at the sneak preview on November 11, 1972. The house was packed for the first two weeks, and 'Superfly' ran for an unprecedented nine weeks. It was at this point that the Alameda became a serious contender with the downtown theatres and was acclaimed as an up and coming first run house.

The Northwest Premier of 'WATTSTAX' was held at the Alameda Theatre on March 14, 1973, with Carl Thomas, one of the stars of the film, and a Stax recording star, the honored guest.

Garnett says of his recent success, "We'll keep our fingers crossed. We are trying to spend money in the community to make a theatre where people can bring their families and friends. We thank our customers for their patronage, for that is what enables us to bring them the better films. We try to book films we think the people would like to see and we welcome their suggestions."

The Alameda, Oregon's only Black-owned theatre, has moved from a struggling fifth run neighborhood theatre to a serious contender for the best first run films. This success comes from two sources - Harvey Garnett, who had the tenacity to fight with the film companies for a chance, and the people who were willing to wait a few weeks to see a movie in order to support a Black business.

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