

Black Republicans submit demands

Curtis T. Perkins, National Coordinator of the National Council Afro-American Republicans, stated that he has received hundreds of letters from members of his organization urging that Mr. Nixon appoint a Black Counselor to the President, with cabinet status.

Perkins agrees with James Farmer, former assistant Secretary of HEW, that Mr. Nixon is not in touch with Blacks who can advise him in a frank manner. Perkins said that even among the scores of Blacks who have been appointed to high positions, most have never talked to nor seen the President except on one occasion or at best at social gatherings.

Perkins insisted that the proposed Black Counselor be acceptable to Blacks and to Mr. Nixon. He said there

are 50 or more Black Republicans who are available and qualified to fill this job with distinction. Perkins said the Black Assistant to the President is a misnomer and that the position carries no real weight. A Black Counselor, he emphasized, would have direct access to the President and his advisers and could formulate policy.

The NCAAR leader stated that Robert Brown, the ex-Presidential Black Assistant, had compromised Blacks with the Executive Branch. Brown, he said in an interview with the *New York Times*, had glorified the President instead of pointing out his achievements and failures during the past four years and suggesting priorities for Blacks during Nixon's next four years in the White House.

Mr. Perkins said Black Republicans and Blacks in

general see that this type of "yessirism" had hurt them and never again do they want this type of liaison. "It is better for the President to give us programs to benefit all Blacks rather than to give a few unreliable, selfish and untruthful Blacks well paying jobs. We are sure the President or any of his responsible administrators would welcome knowing how Blacks feel instead of the hypocrisy inherent in saying pleasing things," Perkins emphasized.

The NCAAR also requested a Black deputy chairman of the Republican Party, Black executive assistants to all State Republican Chairmen, Governors, Congressmen, and Senators in states with large Black population, and six Black Republicans at large on the Republican National Committee.

Blacks call for two-party system

Democratic Mayor Ford of Tuskegee, Alabama said, in a joint press conference with Republican Floyd B. McKissick, that "not only must Blacks and whites work together, but that Blacks must transcend party affiliation and deal meaningfully with the current Republican Administration." Mayor Ford, former political strategist for the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, said that "Black Democrats must accept the reality that Democrats, when not in power, must still deal meaningfully with The White House and that the pragmatics of politics and economics are such that one must rise above political and racial polarization and work for the national and local good." Mayor Ford and Mr. McKissick announced jointly the appointment of Dr. Charles Hurst, President of Mal-

colm X College as the Executive Director of the new organization. Dr. Hurst comes to the committee with the history of academic excellence that includes a Ph.D. from Wayne State University and a professorship at Howard University. Dr. Hurst, a dedicated educator, said that he will use his skills as an educator to provide for the Black community the educational tools necessary to project itself into the mainstream of socio-economic and political awareness and as a consequence activity. McKissick and Ford opened and closed the conference with an announcement of the purposes of The National Committee For A Two-Party System, which are fundamentally a dedication to more effective political action by Blacks and other minorities through education.

From the Senate

by Senator Keith Burns, District 6, Portland

The Senate Local Government and Urban Affairs Committee, of which I am Chairman, this week will hold hearings on SB 159, the landlord tenant act.

This bill has gone through ten weeks of hearings and work sessions. Extensive amendments have been adopted in concept by the seven members of the committee. However, the original concepts of the bill are retained. SB 159 remains the best proposal before this legislative session for bringing landlord tenant relationships into the 20th century.

A hearing was held on SB 159 on Monday, March 26th in the Capitol Building. A second hearing will take place on Thursday, March 29th at 8:00 a.m. in room 309 of the Capitol Building. It is expected that the bill will be sent to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation by the Committee.

Last week the Senate passed HB 2004, the property tax relief bill. This measure, which completely revises the method of school financing, will be submitted to a vote of the people on May 1. The bill would place a constitutionally limited state wide property tax for the funding of education, but would allow the retention of local control by school boards.

The property tax relief program was supported by a Republican Governor and passed by a Democratic legislature. It is truly a bi-partisan program. If adopted at the May 1 election, the property tax relief plan will reduce the total taxes paid by all citizens who earn \$16,000 or less per year. This is over 80% of the working people of Oregon.

As a member of the Senate Revenue Committee and during the full Senate debate, I supported this measure and the right of the

people to vote on it. This is a people tax relief program designed to help the working homeowner and renter who for so long have been paying far more than a fair share of the cost of government.

Should you have questions, or comments, regarding any legislative activity, please contact my office, 306 State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310, or call 1-800-452-0290, for toll free information on legislation.

Caucus Time

by Jetie B. Wilds, Jr., Chairman of Oregon Black Caucus

There will be a peaceful assembly held at 12:00 Noon, April 4, at the Pioneer Post Office, S.W. 5th and Morrison. The assembly will commemorate the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and will also serve as a forum for those affected by cutbacks. It would bring joy to the heart of Dr. King if he were here to see the Oklahoma Ambassador Club making positive and concrete contributions to their brothers and sisters in need. There are other organizations and individuals making their contributions also. However, not enough of the good brothers and sisters have moved beyond the rhetoric stage. It is the responsi-

bility of each organization and individual to provide the opportunity for the rhetoric-prone brothers and sisters to contribute some sweat and offtimes non-glamorous hours to bringing about parity for all citizens within our society. This entails working hard in the Black community to continue our move toward finding "self."

It concerns me to hear a good brother or sister rapping about his or her "togetherness" and in the same breath cutting down some brother or sister working for "the man." It erks me to no end when I witness Black individuals working hard to oust another but will not work at all to oust "the man." The result of this behavior produces a brother or sister in a responsible position who is unresponsive to the community because "the man" represents his or her constituency. This is not to say that everyone shouldn't be held accountable for their individual actions. They must be held just as accountable as those who sought to deny Mr. James Loving the opportunity to make input into the Neighborhood Development Plan, as a representative of the Boise neighborhood. They must be held just as accountable as the City has to be in its response to the persons who have been displaced by the discontinuation of the Police

Community Relations Bureau in Albina. They must be held just as accountable as the City must be in the employment of Model Cities employees who are to be displaced. They must be held just as accountable as Portland State University has to be in its responses to the Educational Center on Union. They must be held just as accountable as Emanuel Hospital which has not kept its promise of jobs, and low and moderate income housing. They must be held just as accountable as the State Public Utilities Commission which is deliberating about granting the first Black, William Jones, a dump truck license. They must be held just as accountable as the schools that do not teach our children because the teachers and administrators are afraid of Black kids. They must be held just as accountable as any elected official who sees Blacks in Portland as "no more than a nuisance." They must be held just as accountable as our President who is intent upon limiting citizen participation as defined by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

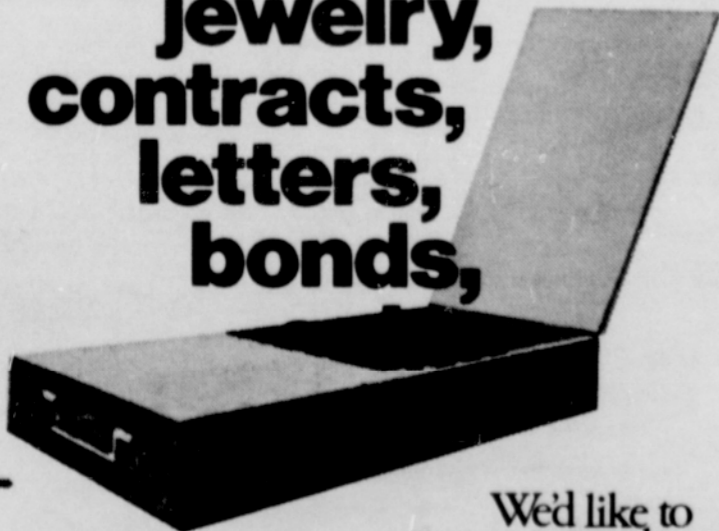
On April 4, 1973, the peaceful assembly held at the Pioneer Post Office will say to the State and local officials that we held them accountable for seeing that programs for the needy continue. See you at the assembly.

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Under an agreement with the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas this spring will publish the proceedings of two national symposia held there in 1972.

The symposia were devoted to education ("Educating a Nation: The Changing American Commitment") and civil rights ("Equal Opportunity in the United States") and marked the opening for research of the education and civil rights papers in the Presidential Library.

Co-sponsors were the LBJ Library and UT Austin.

Editorial work on the proceedings has begun in the LBJ School under the direction of Robert Rooney, director of publications.

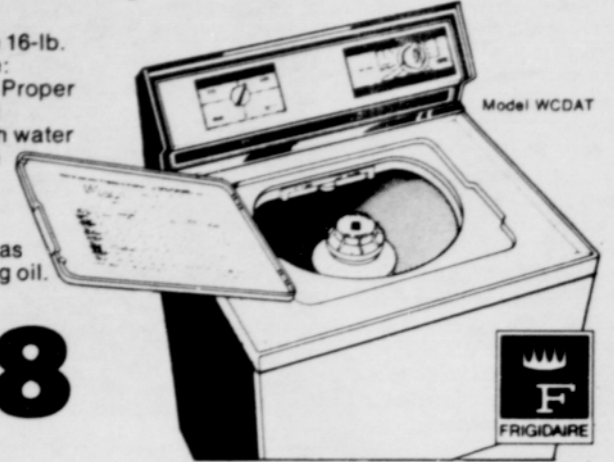
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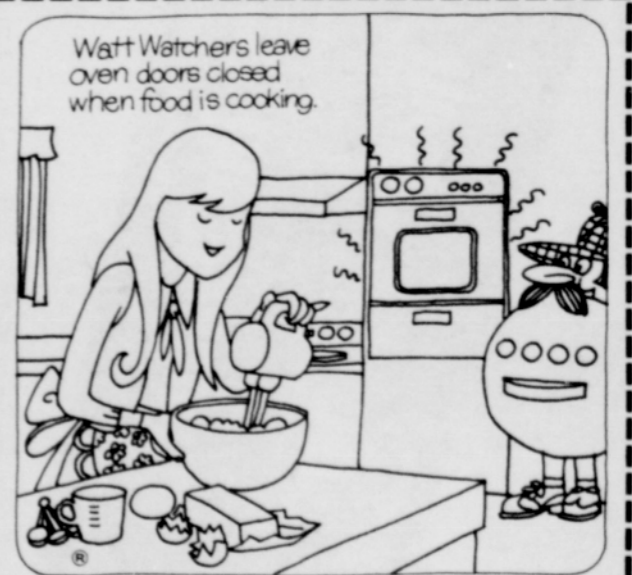
PGE's Coloring Contest for kids shows how to stop wasting watts

Mr. Watt Watcher wants kids like you to help him save electricity. In coloring cartoons like the one below he shows you some of the ways you can do this. For example, you can make sure the refrigerator and freezer doors are closed when you've finished using them. You can be sure to turn off the TV when you're through watching. Or

you can help Mom and Dad keep doors and windows shut when the furnace is running. Still another good way to save electricity is to use only the amount of hot water you need and make sure faucets are shut off tightly after use. When you follow Mr. Watt Watcher's tips everybody can enjoy electricity more and the good life that elec-

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