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Religion in the News

Guaranteed Income: prospects dim

by Gordon Dickey

The future of a Guaranteed Annual Income, one which will eliminate poverty, stabilize the family, end the cruelty and inhumanity of the current system, cut down crime, shift the tax burden from the regressive property tax to the progressive income tax, and provide each American economic security and freedom, is grim.

America has the resources, the plans, the social science, the comparative example of other western nations, but we lack the popular attitude and heart to make GAI a national priority.

In an opinion report, the opposition to GAI needs to be deprived of its good conscience. At present, a weird resignation over the scandal of poverty amidst plenty affects us.

Historical opposition in America of advantaged people contributing to disadvantaged people has been true of all social change and legislation. Opposition was waged against social security, unemployment insurance, medicare and even against free public education. Regardless of Great American political themes, the hard fact of social welfare history in America is one of painfully slow progress.



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What must be done? Attitudes must be changed, consciences shaken, and a national debate begun. It remains a haunting concern why we haven't achieved it already, or as Robert Kennedy said, "I believe that as long as there is plenty, poverty is evil."

Following the urban riots in 1965, President Johnson referred to conscience when he addressed the nation in these words:

"The only genuine, long range solution for what has happened lies in an attack mounted at every level, upon the conditions that breed despair and violence."

"All of us know what those conditions are: ignorance, discrimination, slums, poverty, disease, not enough jobs. We should attack these conditions, not because we are frightened by conflict, but because we are fired by conscience. We should attack them because there is simply no other way to achieve a decent and orderly society in America."

The question of a Guaranteed Annual Income is not whether we can provide economic security and freedom for every American, but will we?



Reverend B. Owre and Ellis Casson

NAACP honors Owre

NAACP President Ellis H. Casson presented a plaque to Reverend Benjamin Owre, pastor of Hughes Memorial and Woodlawn United Methodist Churches for his commitment to Human Rights.

Casson said the NAACP wanted to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to Pastor Owre for his devotion and support to the NAACP "not only in words but in deeds".

Stating that Owre has been a man of action during his six years in Portland, Casson said he will be missed from this community. Owre is moving to Sheridan, Oregon where he will pastor Sheridan-Williamina.

Bethel AME Zodiac Tea

Bethel AME Second Zodiac Tea was held Sunday, May 20th, in the Willamette Room of the Hayden Island Thunderbird Motel.

Many celebrities attended the Tea. Among them were Secretary of State Clay Myers and Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mann from the State Department of Agriculture, Mr. and Mrs. William Greaby of the United States National Bank of Oregon. A large number of guests came from Seattle.

The winners for the best decorated tables were: Pisces - Ms. Bea Mills, First Place; Scorpio - Ms. Mable Washington and Edward; Cancer - Ms. Ruby Hardaway, Third Place.

Raising the most in contributions was Virgo - Willie Jenkins and Charles Jordan. Second place went to the Leo group spearheaded by Ms. Ruby Howard and Mr. Carlos Martin. Third place was taken by Sagittarius by Lenore Morris.

Ms. Perlene White and Ms. Clara Peoples were Chairmen. Pastor Henderson announced that Ms. Alyce Robinson and Ms. Lenore Morris will be chairmen for the Year 1973.



The camera catches Mrs. Ellen Law and Mrs. Martha Jordan at the Bethel AME Zodiac Tea.

weddings

Ms. Mickey Harris and Reverend T.N. Noffa will be married on Sunday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. The wedding will be held at the Church of the Living God, N.E. 10th and Highland.

Ms. Harris, a graduate of Warner Pacific, is a private bookkeeper in the Portland area.

Reverend Noffa is Pastor of the Church of the Living God. He is also co-owner of the Noffa Brothers Construction Company, doing general contracting. A reception will follow the wedding.

Council of Churches forms new structure

On June 1st and 2nd the Assemblies of the Greater Portland Council of Churches and the Oregon Council of Churches will come together in a very historic meeting. On Friday evening, June 1st, at Trinity Episcopal Church the two Councils will deliberate and decide upon a new constitution. This constitution when ratified will create an entirely new ecumenical agency for both the City of Portland and the State of Oregon. This assembly will climax a year's work authorized by both Assemblies and carried out under the direction of a Joint Committee representing the two largest councils of churches in Oregon.

The result of these efforts and self examinations means that on June 1st and 2nd the Assemblies are facing a far more important issue than the apparent consolidation of two large councils. They are attempting to bring into being a new approach to work and governance which takes into account today's facts and attitudes about the Church and the world and the way the two can be brought into meaningful conjunction, at the same time recognizing the necessity of deepening and strengthening the "theological" and "spiritual" basis of church life.

The new constitution leans heavily on the assumption that organization, work and governance must grow in healthy fashion and through maximizing to the fullest extent "grass roots" participation and the supporting and strengthening of ecumenical work at neighborhood and community levels. The new machinery is programmed for service to churches to help encourage their expression of needs and issues; then to respond to these, and through that response build policy and prioritize time, money and the utilization of staff and volunteers.

Oregon Methodists meet

Grass roots input will be sought when more than 400 leading Methodists of Oregon and Idaho hold their annual conference at Willamette University June 4 through 8.

The ministers and lay members of the conference will meet five times in groups of about 10 each to seek "grass roots input" and broader participation. Church leaders expressed hope that new thinking will "bubble up" through the small group meetings.

Among issues scheduled for discussion are a proposal to raise \$1.25 million to fund minister's pension, a report on Methodist work at state-supported colleges, restructuring of the machinery and setting priorities for 1974.

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Rev. Willie O. Peterson, Pastor

Black women talk politics

activity among Black women. The Honorable Hildagardis Boswell, chairperson for the convention, and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, announced the convention theme - "Black Women in Politics: Perspectives and Strategies" and stated that this year's meeting will seek to emphasize the political leverage that the Black woman can exert wherever she may happen to be.

"One doesn't have to throw one's hat into the ring to be in politics," states Ms. Boswell. "There is very little in the lives of Black people that goes unaffected by the body politics," she explains, "our program is designed to heighten the Black women's awareness of this fact."

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