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Columnist Rowan tells it like it is:

Watergate "Critical" to Blacks

Urban League begins young voter drive

The Urban League of Portland is embarking on a six months Citizenship Education Project, funded by the National Urban League. Portland is one of five northern cities selected for such projects.

The chief focus of this program will be non-partisan voter registration, with emphasis on the 18 to 22 year old group. The registrar has agreed to certify as many volunteer registrars as needed and train them.

The office is located in the Walnut Park Building, 5329 NE Union Ave., and began operation on June 1. The

staff will consist of a Director, Terry Rawlins, and a secretary, Patricia Goren.

Mr. Rawlins has been previously employed as a counselor for Operation Step-Up and as Manpower Service Programmer for the Lane Community Action Agency. He is currently working towards a Masters' Degree in Political Science. Miss Goren is a veteran and has spent twelve years in the WACS.

The staff from all cities will attend a three day orientation course in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 6, 7, 8. The Portland staff will be accompanied by James O. Brooks, Deputy Executive Director.

Senate honors Phil Reynolds

The Oregon State Senate honored the late Phil Reynolds, long time worker in the effort to achieve civil rights legislation in Oregon, on Wednesday, June 6th.

Mr. Reynolds' wife, Elise, sat on the floor of the Senate during the ceremony. Two of the three children of Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Phyllis Smith and Dr. Walter Reynolds, were also present.

The resolution, sponsored by the Multnomah County delegation, is as follows:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

Whereas Phil Reynolds was born on Independence Day, 1889, a day which symbolizes the principles which Phil Reynolds lived; and

Whereas Phil Reynolds died on March 26, 1973; and

Whereas Phil Reynolds left as a legacy to his family, to his community and to the many who have been a part of his life the memory of a lifetime of sincere, unselfish and undying service; and

Whereas Phil Reynolds demonstrated that formal education is not a requisite to greatness in life by his activities at Union Station, in the Urban League, in the

American Civil Liberties Union, in the National Association of Colored People and in the credit unions which he established; and

Whereas Phil Reynolds believed in a society founded upon sincerity, trust and honesty, reflected in the policies of credit unions with which he worked to extend credit to those believed by many to be poor credit risks; and

Whereas his attributes of devotion and service were shared by his wife as evidenced by the proclamation of Mrs. Phil Reynolds as Oregon Mother of the Year in 1957; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly express its sorrow on the death of an extraordinary person who has contributed so much to so many and extend its sympathy to his family and to those who loved him dearly; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his wife, Elise, and to his children, Walter, Robert, Jack and Phyllis.

Bostic defends Nixon

"I don't think that the Watergate issue is being viewed in it's correct or full perspective," was one of the comments of Joe Bostic, former Director of Media, in an interview Tuesday evening, May 5th.

Bostic was co-chairman of the Nixon campaign in San Mateo County, for the '72 election. He expressed to a Portland Observer reporter that, "Everyone is trying to get on the bandwagon, everyone that is maybe against the administration and even those who don't like the President within the Republican Party are trying to make this the biggest scandal in fifty years."

Mr. Bostic went on to explain, "If the American public really knew and understood how the system works, then I don't think that they would start making incriminating remarks such as 'Impeach the President' and that 'The whole democratic system is in jeopardy'."

"I'm saying that the Watergate issues has shown me one thing," Mr. Bostic continued, "there is some misuse of authority. That's the most that Watergate has shown me."

The Observer then asked Mr. Bostic if he thought President Nixon knew of the illegal undercover activities his close appointed officials were involved in, supposedly on his behalf? Mr. Bostic replied "No". The question was then asked, "If Mr. Nixon did not know, do you think he is competent to handle the office of president for the next four years?"

Mr. Bostic's answer was "That's sort of a naive question. Let's say that you were responsible for this newspaper. Then say you had four reporters and one reporter was buying his news or stealing news from another reporter on another paper. When you found out about it, you probably would get rid of the guy. But if a lot of things went on before you found out about it, when you found out about it, you

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Joseph Bostic, former director of MEDIA, defends the Nixon Administration. Bostic, Nixon's campaign chairman for San Mateo County, believes Nixon is innocent of Watergate involvement.

would still make that correction. Okay, I wouldn't say that that would make you incompetent. So what I'm saying is that if you check out the information of what the President did when he found out about it, how he reacted and everything else, I think that he was in keeping with the way that I would have acted. So I don't think that the President's actions lent themselves to the criticisms that have been directed against him."

that with four more years, he would enhance those things he had started."

The Observer questioned "Now that you see what the President has done with the OEO cutbacks, Model Cities and so forth, do you feel that he is still the best man?" Mr. Bostic replied "The President, like anybody else, has done some things that don't set with me. . . I think that his decisions leave something to be desired. I don't know the full reasons why he's doing what he's doing; originally I had gotten the explanation that he had a major plan."

However, Mr. Bostic continuously implied his feeling that Watergate was being sensationalized like many other American events.

Mr. Bostic summarized "The money that is being put into this investigation could be put into under-privileged communities."

Carl Rowan, syndicated columnist and dean of the country's Black political commentators, said in Atlanta last week that the current Watergate Scandal "is of critical importance to Black Americans".

Mr. Rowan paused just before addressing the 104th graduating class at Atlanta University to give his views on "Watergate", which he refers to as "the most serious political crisis in modern American history".

"Watergate is of critical importance to Black Americans because the very people who resigned because of their deep involvement were the same people who advised Nixon to make big emotional issues of busing, quotas and welfare," said Rowan.

Blacks question white's guilt.

The Chicago based journalist went on to say, "The question many Black Americans will now have to ask is whether the president will be chastened by all of this. Will he now pick some men who have a little better sense of compassion, integrity and less willingness to propogandize middle Americans with inflammatory issues?"

No Blacks in the Nixon administration have so far been linked in the complex scandal of political sabotage, burglary and illegal fund raising, said Rowan. He pointed out clearly that "No Blacks in the Nixon administration were ever given anything to say about anything of consequence."

"They didn't let us sit on the back of the bus, they didn't even let us on the bus. So when Watergate crashed, no Blacks were killed," he added.

"Was the president himself involved in the political 'dirty tricks' surrounding the Watergate Affair?"

"With all the services at the President's command and on the basis of four years in high government," Rowan answered, "I state categori-

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Rowan on Watergate -- Journalist Carl Rowan says the final outcome of the Watergate Scandal may prove beneficial to Black Americans. Rowan is the only American journalist to win the professional journalism fraternity's Sigma Delta Chi medallion three years in a row.

cally that there was no way for these things to have been going on in his administration with Nixon not knowing what was happening."

Grounds for Impeachment.

"Any president not knowing about this has proven himself so dumb, so ineffective that he ought to be impeached on these grounds alone."

It may be only circumstantial evidence linking the president to the wholesale crimes committed during and

after the 1972 election; however, Rowan said, "People forget that the prisons are half full of people put there on the basis of circumstantial evidence."

"Whether or not first hand evidence is disclosed, the people of this country will be the ultimate judge of Nixon's involvement," he said.

Slowing down new federalism.

Rowan said one beneficial side effect of the scandal (Please turn to page 5, col. 3)

Committee studies health care delivery

Portland Metro Health, Inc., (PMHI) has originated as a result of a federally funded study made by Emanuel Hospital which investigated the feasibility and concept of a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). Emanuel was one of many hospitals across the country which felt the need to study and do something about the deficiencies in the delivery of health care. PMHI formed in December, 1972, as a result of a grant stipulation re-

quiring that a separate, non-profit organization be formed during the first year of funding. The organization became independent from Emanuel Hospital in April, 1973.

The Emanuel Hospital Medical Staff has played an instrumental role in the formation of the HMO concept into PMHI. First requesting the grant, the medical staff became deeply involved in the first-year planning and development under the lead-

ership of Melvin W. Brees, M.D., chairman of the Medical Staff HMO Ad-Hoc Committee.

The organization will operate on second-year funding through March, 1974. At that time, it plans to become operational without further federal funding or direction.

As a result of becoming a separate organization, PMHI has formed a board of directors to guide the final development of the operational HMO. Board members include Paul Campbell, M.D., Emanuel Hospital; William A. Fisher, M.D., Providence Hospital; Otto Page, M.D., Good Samaritan Hospital; William A. Hammond, construction consultant; James Riopelle, Portland fire chief; Jane Barber, director of employee benefits at Tektronix, and D. Len Campbell, Teamsters Health Center. These men and women bring together years of experience in the fields of business and health care.

Commenting on the development of the HMO funding, Dr. Campbell said, "The (Please turn to page 8, col. 1)

McCall ponders change

Governor Tom McCall said at the National Governors Convention in Nevada that he might leave the Republican Party and become a Democrat or an Independent. Speculation about the possibility of McCall changing parties began last year when he gave some consideration to running for Mark Hatfield's Senate seat as an independent.

McCall has now stated that he might try for Bob Pack-

wood's seat in the U.S. Senate, either as an Independent or as a Democrat. He has been urged by many Democrats to bolt the Republican party since he has never been a strong party man. The Democrats, at this point, have no strong contender for the 1974 senate race.

McCall's term as governor will end in 1974 and the state constitution bars him from a third term.

Salute to Black business

by Rosemary Allen

This week's salute to Black Business takes us to Union Avenue where more and more businesses seem to be locating. The Fashion Wheel, located at 5709 N.E. Union, is one of those old fashioned success stories. It has a little bit of sadness, a touch of excitement, a note of uncertainty and then in the end, of course, happiness, happiness, happiness!

Jerome Polk, a young family man, was a long shoreman. He worked hard each day, but always kept his head up to be aware of any new challenges that might come his way. It was in a meeting for Kos-Cot Cosmetics, where Mr. Polk was prospecting new challenges, that he met Larry Jackson.

Larry Jackson, an auditor by trade, was formerly an auditor for Consolidated Freight Ways. Mr. Jackson was a mathematics major in college and was also known to keep his head up in view of any new challenges that might happen along.

Well, it was at that meeting for Kos-Cot Cosmetics that Mr. Jackson and Mr. polk found they lived in the



Larry Jackson (left) and Jerome Polk, owners of the Fashion Wheel, try to convince young Dee Dee that this wig is just her style. Dee Dee is just not sure.

same area. After some discussion, in September of 1969 they started selling cosmetics and a few wigs together, from door to door. (Please turn to page 8, col. 3)

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