



Teachers discuss merger, minority guarantees

Ellen Law chosen for reform seminar

Mrs. Ellen T. Law, principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, has been selected to participate in a unique national institute on reforming secondary education. Four hundred of the nation's leading educators have been invited to the one-week session sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators, National Association of Secondary School Principals and Charles F. Kettering Foundation's Institute for Development of Educational Activities.

Working from reports of studies conducted during this year into the nature and need for reform of America's high schools, the educators will be relating national trends to their local needs. One of the primary discussion topics will be educational alternatives and full community participation. Educational alternatives are optional means of acquiring learning outside the normal high school. These alternatives have been started to serve those students who have not found the traditional educational forms acceptable.

Such programs using community businesses, institutions and resources are already proving successful in many locales.

The participants will hear presentations by members of the National Commission on the Reform of Secondary Education which has concluded its investigations and will release its draft report at the Institute. Some witnesses who testified before the Commission also will be meeting with the institute participants. Progress reports will be given on the Study of American Youth in the Mid-Seventies which is being sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and other research on the organization of secondary education.

The institute is designed to give the educators an up-to-date picture of the need for reform in secondary education and how best this can be carried out. Participants will be exposed to some of the latest information available on the revitalization of secondary education to serve the nation's young people.

Film company selects Black singers, actors

More than 50 Black Portlanders will participate in the filming of "Lost in the Stars" in Cottage Grove next week. The film, produced by the American Film Theater, is based on Alan Paton's novel "Cry the Beloved Country". The film relates the story of a young Black in contemporary South Africa. The Black people from Portland will portray a group of Zulus seeing a man off on the train to Johannesburg.

The film is directed by Daniel Mann, whose productions include "The Rose Tattoo", "Butterfield Eight", "For Love of Ivy", "Come Back Little Sheba", and "Maurie", the story of Maurice

Stokes.

Producers are Eddie Lewis and Henry Weinstein, and musical director is Alex North.

The picture stars Brock Peters, Raymond St. Jacques, Pullen Kelly, Clifton Davis and Melba Moore. A number of University of Oregon students and Oregon actors will also have parts. The filming has been done on location in Jamaica and in the Hollywood studio. The train scene will be filmed at the Village Green in Cottage Grove.

Director Daniel Mann selected the Black actors and singers at Bethel AME Church on July 1 and filming will begin July 9.



Nero brings Mayor to Black community

David M. Nero, Jr., President of Nero Industries, Inc. and Nero and Associates Inc., has invited Mayor Neil Goldschmidt to an open forum to answer questions from the Black Community on his administration. This is to be held Tuesday, July 10, 1973, at 3525 N.E. Union Avenue, in the Nero Corporate Offices.

Nero suggests that citizens seek to discover the mayor's plans for employees of OEO and Model Cities programs at the time these programs are phased out, his plans for urban renewal and relocation of families affected, his plans for utilizing revenue sharing funds in the Model Neighborhood and his efforts, if any, to fill the void left due to the reduction of funds for such activities as the Model Cities program.

Nero Industries is and has been particularly concerned with programs aimed at upgrading employed minorities and finding suitable employment for unemployed persons. This company has over the past few years been engaged in Operation Step-Up, a program designed for underemployed minorities and JOBS 70 program, a Department of Labor program, designed for unemployed disadvantaged persons.

Nero and Associates is a sophisticated minority consulting firm with the capability to perform physical planning, urban development, social area analysis, engineering, business systems, systems engineering, environmental systems design and implementation and (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 2)

Kennedy raps Nixon

Keynote speaker for the National Education Association's 113th Annual held in Portland this week, Senator Edward Kennedy placed much of the blame for lack of confidence in the educational system on the Nixon Administration. "No social programs have suffered more deeply from the vetoes of this administration than our educational programs. Four vetoes of education appropriation bills in four years — a grand slam of vetoes of American education — is not evidence of leadership."

"What a cruel hoax it is," he said, "to claim that an absence of federal responsibility, an absence of adequate federal resources, and an absence of federal initiative are the answers to the educational needs of America's children."

"Can we keep our promise to the youth of America by spending more on bombing North Vietnam in the last nine months of 1972 that we spend on Title I in the last four and a half years?"

"Can we keep our promises to future generations when the President's veto two days ago means that we will

continue to spend \$10 million a day bombing the people of Cambodia, while tens of millions of American children are deprived of a decent education?"

"The victims of our warped priorities are not just the children of Indochina. In a very real sense, our own children are victims too."

Kennedy described five issues that must be faced during the next decade if public confidence in public education is to be restored.

The first test is whether educators can convince parents and public officials that education does make a difference. Although education may not be the best guarantee of a good income, lack of education is detrimental to high income. Also, the value of education cannot be judged on economic grounds alone.

"A second test is whether we can fulfill the promises we have made to the educationally deprived, promises we have yet to keep."

"We know there are 10 million children whose lives are embittered and whose hopes are oppressed by poverty, malnutrition and (Please turn to pg. 4, col. 3)



Laurie Wynn, President of the Official Black Caucus, addresses the assembled delegates. Mrs. Wynn received a standing ovation following her remarks calling for a united effort on behalf of teachers' rights to provide the best education for children. Mrs. Wynn called for an end to fear of "the community", saying "We can never reach the minds of these children if we continue to perpetuate the hostility of their parents".

Congressman advises political action

Representative James O'hara (D-Michigan) called for an assessment of the shortcomings of American education rather than a mere reaction to criticism.

"For the past five years, because the President of the United States has looked at education legislation almost wholly in terms of its cost — and because he has consistently assumed that it is in the field of education and the

related field of health that savings can be most usefully made — because the President has chosen to seek a reduced Federal role in education, the friends of education in the Congress have had to defend existing programs and to act as though given expenditures were true measures of the success and value of education programs." (Please turn to pg. 4, col. 3)

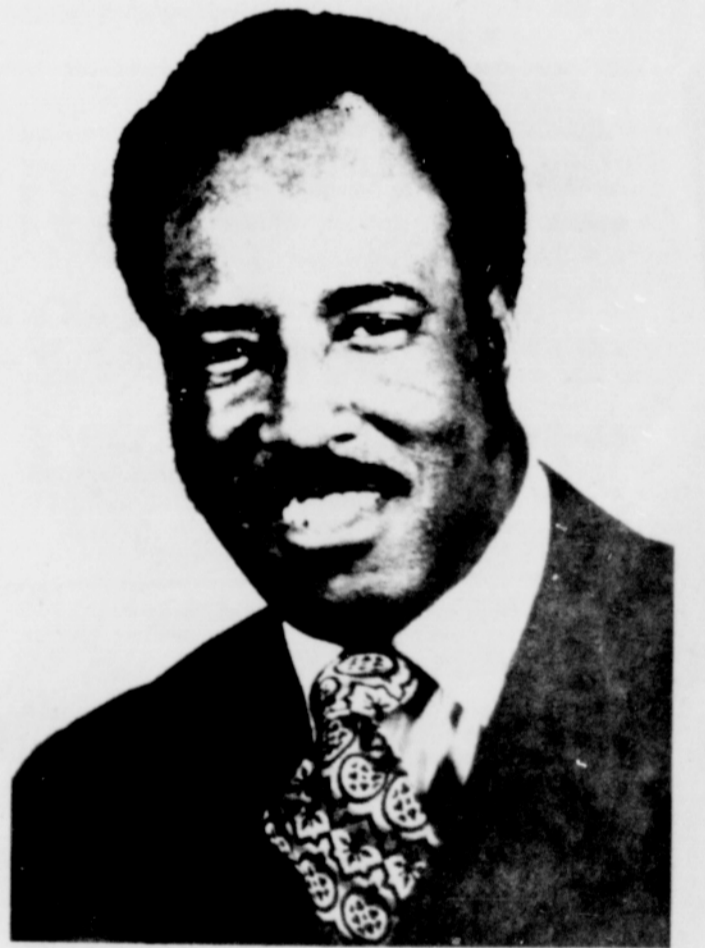
Teacher charges schools destroy kids

Jonathan Kozol, Boston teacher and author of "Death at an Early Age", explained political indoctrination of children in the public schools during the Sunday morning session of the NEA conference in Portland.

Kozol stated that after 12 years of public education children are molded into cold, efficient, alienated technocrats who believe that all problems can be solved by American technology. "Public education works, in concert, to create for us a sense of calm, of manageable pain and undeserved serenity. School is the ether of our lives by now: the first emaciation along the surgical road that qualifies the young to be effective citizens, alert

to need but tempered as to passion, cognizant of horror but well-inoculated as to the nature of response.

"It isn't a mistake when the schools out in the white suburban neighborhoods turn out men like Spiro Agnew, Richard Nixon, and William H. Westmoreland. It isn't a mistake when public schools in ghetto neighborhoods turn out a powerless labor pool of unskilled men and women. On the contrary, it is the function of the public school in the ghetto neighborhood to do precisely this. To train up an ample and unceasing stream of docile janitors and uncomplaining maids and cocktail party waiters and junkies to keep the cops and (Please turn to pg. 4, col. 3)



Jim Harris of Iowa is a candidate for the position of NEA Vice President (President-Elect). Harris advocates a strong, independent NEA and opposes union of NEA with the American Federation of Teachers, CIO-AF of L. He proposes a strong lobby in Congress to raise education to a top priority. Harris has been a classroom teacher in Des Moines for 20 years.

Minority Caucuses seek involvement

The National Education Association Annual Conference is considering a number of questions which are of great importance to Black teachers and Black children. The two main issues are the possible merger of the National Education Association with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. Feelings run high on the question; those who seek greater power in the unity of all teacher organizations are opposed by those who see NEA as a professional organization and do not want labor union

involvement. The other crucial question is the adoption of a new constitution. This constitution carries minority guarantees — guaranteeing minority group membership in all committees and boards. It also endorses equal opportunity employment and preferences to hiring minority teachers when there is a deficiency of minority teachers due to past documentation. The official Black Caucus, as well as the Chicano Caucus, the Asian Caucus, the (Please turn to pg. 8, col. 2)

Rice heads MEDIA

Robert L. Rogers, newly elected president of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Economic Development Industrial Alliance (MEDIA) announced the appointment of Harvey L. Rice as director. Mr. Rice has held the position of temporary co-director since the resignation of former director Joseph Bostic.

Officers elected by the board are Robert L. Rogers, president; Ms. Willie Ransom, vice-president; and William Hilliard, Secretary-Treasurer.

MEDIA provides financial and management counselling to businesses in the Model Cities area. MEDIA is funded through the Model Cities Agency for the current action year.

City seeks employees

The City of Portland holds the key to employment opportunity with a number of new positions now open. Positions that will soon be available with the city include: Emergency Planning Coordinator, Planning Director, Director of Planning and Development, City Attorney, Neighborhood Organization Director, Planning and Development Administrator,

Affirmative Action Officer, City Planners, Commissioner's Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Research Assistants, Police Officer Recruiters, Police Officer Trainees, Information Coordinator, Human Resource Director and Assistant, and Clerks and Typists. Application is to be made at the City Civil Service Office.

YSOL leaves air

YSOL, the radio station operated by the young people of Albina, was closed June 30th. The closure came as a surprise to the young people since they were under the impression that they had been funded for another year. The program received an initial grant of 15,000 from the Metropolitan Steering Committee. Established in January of

1973, YSOL employed a full time program director and several part time employees. But most of the labor as well as some of the equipment, was donated by young people. The station offered not only an outlet for talent and a station directed to young Blacks, but also was a training ground for those interested in communications.

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