

Model Cities Board demands right to choose director

The Model Cities Citizens Planning Board, in its meeting Tuesday night, took exception to Commissioner Mildred Schwab's plan to select a new Model Cities director, and demanded their right to make this selection. Mrs. Schwab said in a letter to LeRoy Patton, Chairman of the Planning Board, "I intend to appoint Paul Linman of my staff and to ask the Mayor and other

Commissioners to name an assistant to a selection panel. Please name a panel of your board members to sit with this group and act as a screening panel." Procedure in the past has been for the Planning Board to select their applicants and offer them to the City Council, in order of their preference, for confirmation. The Board rejected Mrs. Schwab's plan and named a

committee of Board members to begin the selection process. After screening by the committee, applicants will be presented to the full Board. Elected to the committee were: James Loving, Charles Ford, Brozie Lathan, Opal Strong and Greg Watson. Commissioner Schwab's letter also stated, "Since Andy (Raubeson) has given thirty days notice, we have

some time to do recruiting and selection. Andy has assured me that if additional time is necessary he will assume responsibility for both positions until a successor is chosen." Raubeson has been appointed to a position in the Bureau of Human Resources. The Board voted to declare the position vacant on November 13th, whether or not a successor has been named. After a two hour, often

heated, debate the Planning Board approved a commitment of \$50,000 in cash to the City of Portland for the Union Avenue Redevelopment Project. The program will also receive \$15,000 in cash from the Portland Economic Development Committee, \$8,000 in-kind from the Portland Development Commission, \$5,000 in-kind from the Bureau of Community Development, and

\$186,000 from Federal Aide to Urban Arterial Funds. Dennis J. Wilde, the consultant who has been drawing up plans for nearly a year, estimated that the program will eventually use from \$6 to \$8 million in highway funds and from \$10 to \$30 million in redevelopment funds. The Model Cities Board had earlier voted to give the city the \$50,000, but with the

stipulation that the program's director be a Model Cities resident. Goldschmidt had turned down the proposal. The resolution finally passed required that the project contain guarantees that some of the employees will be from Model Cities and that training for minorities be provided. Those who were opposed pointed out that there are no such provisions in the program and that once the money is gone there is no assurance the recommendations of the Board will be followed. Wilde also admitted that the written information provided to the Board was incomplete and contained errors. Wilde warned that even a delay of one week could make the project impossible.

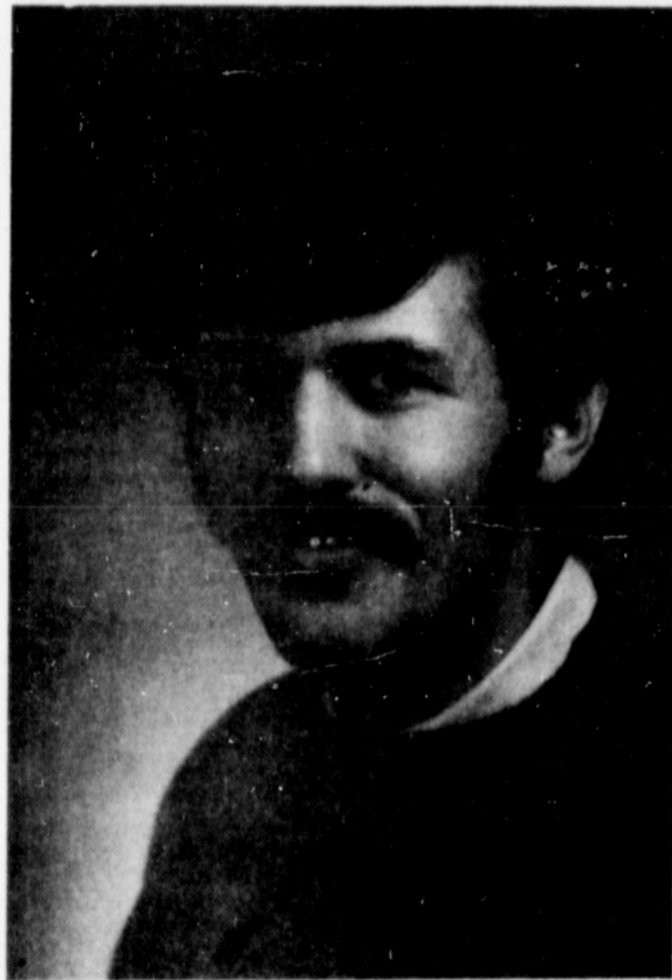
The Board voted to restore \$6,000 to the budget of the Albina Contractors Association. The program had been cut from \$44,000 to \$22,000, and of that \$7,000 was withheld by Model Cities staff. Eugene Jackson, ACA Business Manager, explained that \$7,000 had been withheld from this year's budget because of misappropriations and misuse of funds in past years. The money had not been deducted from the previous year's budget and when the Board acted on the 1973-74 budget they were not aware that funds would be withheld or that there had been any problems. Jackson explained that there were disallowed expenditures of \$1500 to Nero Industries for consultation; a check of over \$400 written to George Christian, then ACA president; and \$1500, misused by V. Lester Jackson, former Business Manager. Elvin Roberts, Fiscal Manager for

Model Cities, said only \$1,900 had been withheld, but could not explain the absence of the additional \$5,000. James Loving said the present leadership of ACA should not be held responsible for past deficiencies and that the Model Cities staff was remiss in not bringing this to the attention of the Board earlier. Loving, who is chairman of the Fiscal Committee, had earlier demanded a full accounting of all Model Cities expenditures by October 22nd. He said the staff is not carrying out Board orders for a quarterly audit. Ella Mae Gay called for a government auditor to audit Model Cities and all programs.

Harry Ward asked that steps be taken to recover misappropriated ACA funds from those who were responsible for expenditures. "Stealing is stealing and we need to do something about it," he said. The Board also voted to give the City \$14,000 toward the Youth Service Center Project.

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DR. RAY C. RIST

Sociologist councils Civil Rights Board

Dr. Ray C. Rist, associate professor of sociology at Portland State University, has been appointed one of ten consultants in the country to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Rist, who goes to Washington later this month, will be engaged in research and policy analysis related to school desegregation.

The 29-year-old sociologist has conducted research and written numerous articles and several books on the subject of education's influence, particularly on Black children, as well as white children.

Dr. Rist's latest book, "The Urban School: A Factory For Failure", will be published within a month.

Atlanta elects Mayor

Maynard Jackson, 35, was elected Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia to become the first Black mayor of a major Southern city. Jackson served four years as Vice Mayor under his opponent, incumbent Mayor Sam Massell. Massell, who became Atlanta's first Jewish mayor, was elected four years ago with strong Black support. It was he who injected

racism into this contest, attempting to connect Jackson with Hosea Williams, whom he designated as a "radical".

Williams, who was a candidate for Vice Mayor, is a former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King and the Chairman of the Atlanta Metro Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He lost to a white moderate, Wycher Foster, 33,

Portland man wins IBM Corp. award

Vernon V. Chatman III, former Portland resident, has been awarded an Outstanding Contribution Award by IBM Corporation.

Chatman, who is on the IBM staff in White Plains, New York, is a Product Production Administrator. He is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and completed his college work at Reed College and Portland State University. He did graduate work at the University of Oregon before joining IBM.

Chatman was part of a team that worked on a new Product Pricing System, a terminal-oriented computer technique that helps financial analysts simplify the complex job of determining product prices. Chatman designed

and developed the special data base required for use in the new systems. He also served as an adviser on design and development problems.

Chatman and his family live in Rye, New York, a suburb of New York City. He is the father of three children, two boys and one girl.

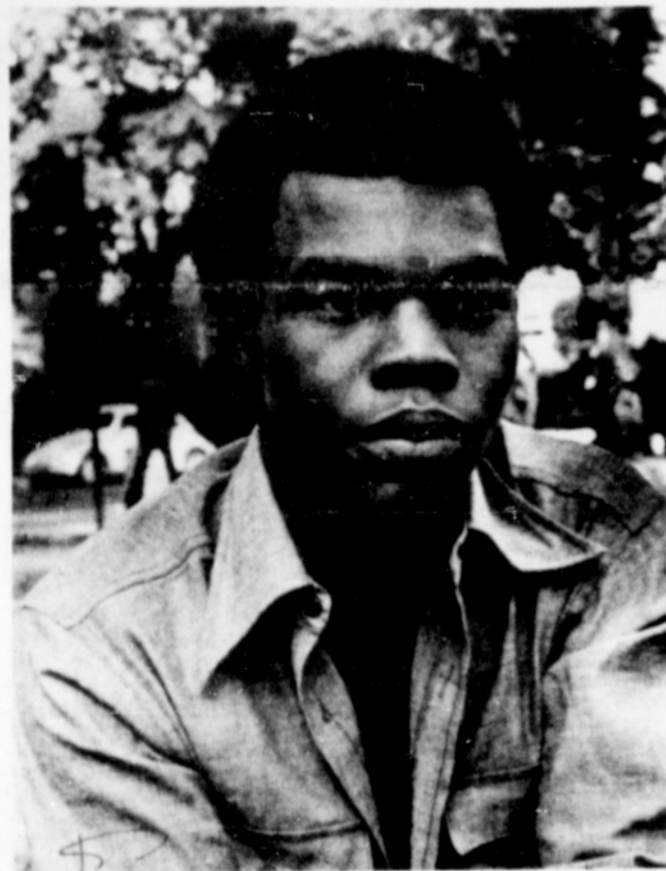
Chatman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon V. Chatman, Jr. His mother, father and sister reside in Portland. Mrs. Chatman is a Reading Specialist at Irvington School; his sister, Mrs. Jean Stevenson, is a 5th grade teacher at Sabin School, and his father is the Director of Education for the Urban League of Portland.



A.L. Henderson, Editor and Publisher of the Portland Observer, accepts service award from Betty Overton, President of the Albina Women's League.



Marcus Glenn and Father William Curtin receive the Police Relations Award. The plaque, which will be awarded each year, hangs in City Hall.



JERRY GRIFFIN

Talent Search Program seeks Vietnam Vets

Jerry Griffin, talent search specialist, is looking for veterans who are interested in continuing their education and need additional information about various problems. The purpose of the talent search program is to recruit Vietnam-era veterans who have served after March 31, 1964.

The V.E.C.O. Program is the main component of talent search, which provides GED training and Upward Bound Programs for veterans. The main purpose of the talent search is to recruit veterans who meet low-income background or who are unemployed and who have potential for post-secondary educational success. Veterans may be physically disabled and lack knowledge about available opportunities for admission and financial aid for attendance at institutions of higher education throughout the state of Oregon.

All veterans who enroll in the Upward Bound or GED component of the program can receive up to 9 months deficiency benefits from the V.A., which will not be deducted from the entitlement that is due them.

Talent Search also offers counseling on changing the status on disability claims

and helps with domestic problems, low-income housing, drug counseling, and provides emergency food assistance. The program has a grant of \$97,500 from HEW. All veterans who are interested should contact V.E.C.O. at Mt. Hood Community College Extension Center, 10100 N.E. Prescott, telephone 256-3430, or call Jerry Griffin at 281-1986.

Dr. William Steward, Dean of Mt. Hood Community College, is chairman of 4-C's Search Committee to find a new Central Administration. Lillie Walker, former employee of Model Cities, has just been hired as Administrative Assistant to Debbie Norman at Model Cities Information Referral Office. Mr. Eugene Jackson joins the state Affirmative Action staff as director of personnel.

Guinea Bissau support organizes

The formation of the Committee to Support the Republic of Guinea Bissau was announced recently. "It is a citizen's effort to encourage thousands of Americans to recognize and support the newly independent Republic of Guinea Bissau in West Africa," the Honorable William H. Booth, chairman of the committee, said. It is believed to be the first time in American history that citizens have organized to recognize directly a foreign government.

Guinea Bissau declared its independence from Portuguese colonial rule on September 24, 1973.

"I feel that our Government, long a supporter of Portugal, will not extend diplomatic recognition now," said Booth, president of the American Committee on Africa and former chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. "It's up to the American citizen, on a people-to-people basis, to recognize and support this new government in Africa."

The committee is sponsored by seventy-seven per-

sons from the Congress, the arts, churches, universities, labor, law and movements for minority rights and for social change. Prominent among the sponsors are: Louis Stokes, Shirley Chisholm, Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Julian Bond, Angela Davis, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Douglas Turner Ward, Carey McWilliams, Noam Chomsky, Vine Deloria, Jr., Sue Thrasher and others.

The independence of the Republic of Guinea Bissau was proclaimed on September 24 after a decade of armed struggle against Portuguese colonial rule. One hundred and twenty elected representatives of the National People's Assembly met in the Boe Region of Guinea Bissau, proclaimed the Republic, approved a Constitution, national anthem, flag, and various organs of government. Luiz Cabral is President of the new Republic.

At present, 59 nations have announced recognition of Guinea Bissau, with more than 70 nations expected to do so in the near future. Since the U.S. Government

PDC resists law's intent

Eugene Jackson, Business Manager of the Albina Contractors Association, charged the Portland Development Commission with attempting to subvert the state's freedom of information law.

The law states: "Every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in this state, except as otherwise expressly provided by... this Act." In interpreting the law, Attorney General Lee Johnson said, "Proper and reasonable opportunity must be provided to anyone wishing to inspect and examine records and reasonable facilities to make memoranda and abstracts. While open disclosure is the prescribed policy, the Public Records law makes it clear

that agencies can make reasonable rules and regulations necessary for the protection of records and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of (their) duties. The agencies should make every effort to accommodate members of the public even though a request may be extensive."

Attorney General Johnson goes on to say, "In such cases it may be necessary to charge for the cost of making records available."

The law also states that certified copies of documents must be provided on demand. Jackson requested copies of PDC meetings and initially was refused by PDC Executive Director John Kenward. He followed up his request in writing.

Tom Kennedy, Community Services Director for PDC, delivered copies of the minutes to Jackson's office, along with a bill of \$49, a charge of 50 cents per page. With the bill was a letter stating "...if you wish to have copies of the January 8 - September 10 Commission minutes, the charge would be \$49 for 98 pages of minutes. As stated above, however, you are welcome to come to the Commission office and examine these minutes without charge."

Jackson refused to pay the charge and later the copies were delivered again without charge. Jackson said he considered a charge of 50 cents a page to another publicly funded agency as exorbitant. "How can the ordinary private citizen have access to public information if it will cost him 50 cents a page? I think this charge is just another form of harassment to keep the people ignorant of PDC's use or misuse of their tax money. It certainly is not in keeping with the spirit of the law. Maybe they have something to hide."

Jackson also objected to the fact that he was not informed of the charges prior to receiving the bill. "I just don't think this is proper behavior for an agency that is supposed to serve the public," he said.



Governor Melvin H. Evans of the Virgin Islands was elected last week in Point Clear, Alabama as the first Black chairman of the Southern Governors Conference. He is shown receiving the gavel from Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama, whom he succeeds for the 1973-74 term. Governor Reuben Askew of Florida was voted co-chairman. Governor Evans, a medical doctor, was born in the Virgin Islands. He earned his medical degree at Howard University. Photo by Cockrell of the Mobile Beacon

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