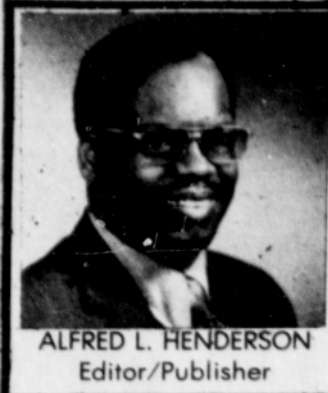


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EDITORIAL FOCUS

Where is opportunity in public hiring?

The Portland Development Commission recently hired a new public relations assistant, which again brings up the question: How does PDC, a publicly funded agency, hire personnel? This position, which was created on October 1st and filled prior to October 15th, was not advertised. Yet PDC was able to hire a young man in less than two weeks.

We wonder what efforts were made to find an employee from among the people of Portland, which PDC is funded to serve. We wonder if this might have been used as one of the training positions required by federal policy.

The young man hired is probably well qualified and might be the best man for the job. However, other individuals should have had the opportunity to apply and be considered for the position.

Employment with funded programs such as PDC and Model Cities should be filled after extensive advertising and recruitment, not handed to friends and relatives.

Albina vote crucial

The election of Maynard Jackson as Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, the city W.E.B. DuBois called "north of the South, and south of the North", proves once again the power of an enlightened Black electorate. Who could have guessed even a few short years ago that Atlanta would ever have a Black mayor?

On this joyous occasion we must look at the Black citizenry of Portland. In Portland many Blacks do not register, and many of those who do register do not vote. Many who vote sell their vote too cheap. They too often make no demands, but give their vote to "the lesser of two evils" or to the latest false god.

It is true that less than 5% of the people cannot elect a candidate. But a united vote can demand a voice in the control of the Black community. A united vote can embarrass a city government that does not respond. It can destroy the political aspirations of those who do not care.

Less than 5% of the vote does not seem like much, but a 5% margin in an election is a large margin, and many candidates lose by far less than 5%. Right here in Oregon Wayne Morse lost a statewide election by 5,000 votes; Tom Walsh lost to Francis Iancovic by 1%; Representative Howard Willets won re-election by fewer than 100 votes. So 5% is a vote to be reckoned with if used effectively.

Portland would like to think of itself as "north of the South", but certainly could be called "south of the North". Maybe the Black politics that have been so successful recently in the South should be brought to bear in Portland. But Southern Black politics begin with voter registration and education, followed with unity at the polls.

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Model Cities Board needs firm leader

The Model Cities Planning Board is rightfully angry over the attempt of Commissioner Mildred Schwab to undermine its right to choose its new director. The Planning Board, which is composed of members elected by the community and appointed by the Mayor, has always had the responsibility to select a director subject to the City Council's approval.

The Planning Board's rights and responsibilities have been slipping away during the past 18 months or so, partly due to a more aggressive city government and partially due to complacency and weakness on the part of the Board and its chairman.

The fight for freedom is an external battle and gains must be protected by positive action. The Planning Board will become little more than a rubber stamp committee unless a firm stand is taken on every issue.

The demand of the Board to choose its own director might be an indication of new awareness and strength. If not, it is time for the Board to take a close look at its leadership.

Nixon plans veto

President Nixon has indicated that he will veto the Labor-Health, Education and Welfare Appropriation. This bill exceeds the amount requested by the Administration.

Among the bill's benefactors are the Health programs, Education, Social and Rehabilitation Services, and the Office of Economic Opportunity. The bill contains \$2 million in education funds for the disadvantaged of Oregon alone.

Nixon has continually invoked the issue of inflation in pressuring Congress to cut back on funds to vital social programs. This line of reasoning is false, however, because the small benefits that go to recipients of social programs cannot keep up with the rapidly spiraling prices caused by the administration's mismanagement of the economy.

Important issues are at stake with this bill -- money for health care, educational programs and anti-poverty programs. The people are asking a basic question: Will Congress, which is supposed to represent the will of the people, continue to let the nation's priorities be set by one man? Will Congress exert its will and override a veto? Nixon has vetoed seven important measures this year -- Congress has yet to override a veto.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. McCrea:

The Boise Citizens Improvement Association, the nucleus and continually concerned organization in the Boise neighborhood, would like to inform you that we have gone on record in support of your position of Principal at Boise School.

This support is based on your past performance, present progress, and programs instituted as recognized personally, and first hand, by members of our organization.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27,

1973 and regret, along with you, statements you made regarding school life at Boise. We realistically accept your apology because we feel that your statements do not overshadow the positive things that occur at Boise School on a daily basis.

Our first concern is the children. We, therefore, have taken our position of support and look forward to a better working relationship with you and your staff.

Sincerely,
Boise Citizens Improvement Association

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Right to Spank

"The right of parents to chastise their children is so necessary to the government of families and to the good order of society that no moralist or lawyer has ever thought of interfering with its existence."

So said the Supreme Court of Tennessee a century ago. And it is still true today that parents have the basic legal right to spank their children.

But if the right itself is still recognized, the extent of the right has been steadily narrowed.

For example, it used to be said that parents could be as brutal as they pleased, so long as their motive was "for the child's own good." But no longer.

no excuse that he was trying to teach the child good manners. One parent's harsh views about discipline, said the court, could not outweigh the humanitarian standards of the community.

Not only may an offending parent be punished by the criminal law, but in a growing number of states he may even have to pay damages to the child.

In one case a woman pummeled her small stepson so viciously that he suffered internal injuries. When a damage suit was filed on the boy's behalf (by a guardian), she said it would be "bad for family harmony" to allow lawsuits within the family circle.

But the court held her liable anyhow.

"While it may seem repugnant," said the court, "to allow a (child) to sue his parent, we think it more repugnant to leave a child without redress for the damage he has suffered by reason of his parent's malicious misconduct."

"A child, like every other individual, has a right to freedom from such injury."

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