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Getting Smart
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The on-going reports of racial violence from the Caribbean should send us a message that should ring loud and clear to all of us. We are facing an increase of awareness in the Americas — an awareness that should eventually reap more violence if the powers to be do not deal sensibly with the problems of minorities and of economic oppression.

When our ancestors were shipped bulk rate from Africa, many ships stopped first in the Caribbean. On these islands, surviving Africans were bought, sold, and traded to retailers who would then either ship the slaves directly to the colonies or would train them in agriculture and in abject obedience. Many slaves escaped or were detailed for work on the islands in slave trade processing. They became the "deputies for the coloreds", servants, field hands, dock workers and bearers. There soon developed a Black majority ruled by European slave masters.

Today the noble great-grandchildren of the noble Africans are rebelling. The face of the master is now slightly different. You see the United States owns St. Croix.

In St. Croix, white tourists have been killed. Although there has been a marked increase of deaths among the

press, the United States government, and the government of St. Croix has given the white tourist deaths special significance. Just as in the United States, Black lives are less important than white lives. White lives represent money and tourism. U.S. Marshalls have been sent. Governmental snooping increased. So-called militants arrested.

Many Afro-Americans who have the chance to travel play down the abject poverty of the Caribbean. They are often so happy they have a chance to do the things of which their parents only had dreams, they forget that they too are playing a large role in the oppression of other Black peoples. The Afro-American tourist takes on the same elitist arrogance of his European counterparts and soon becomes oblivious to the poverty that surrounds him. We hide our eyes just as the whites do in America.

So far the tourist slayings have only affected whites. When many Crusans recognize Afro-Americans also represent money, they will open their eyes and recognize us too as ugly rich Americans. The problem is not race. It is economics. Let us not forget our history and the role we must play to change the present.

Famine result of colonialism

The spectre of millions of people starving, and entire herds of animals dying has dramatized the tragic legacy of a bankrupt French colonial policy which exploited West Africa for decades. RAIN (Relief for Africans In Need in the Sahel) is now trying to help.

The plight of the nations in the Sudan-Sahel zone is a direct result of a colonial policy that treated these areas as a plantation for export crops and as a game, and long after the British had grabbed the wealthier coastal territories, the French moved into the Sudan, conquered the indigenous states, and linked its West African conquests with the colonial territories north of the Sahara.

Hardly had these areas been conquered when France redirected their trade and harnessed their resources to its colonial enterprises. Land which previously had been used for pastures by Fulani herdsmen were brought under the plow to plant peanuts and cotton for export.

So insistent were the French that these colonies should make a profit for the Metropole, that when in 1929 the cotton and oil markets crashed, the Upper Volta was judged unviable as a territory, dismembered and her parts assigned to the neighboring colonies.

Later, unable to stem the tide of nationalism, and unwilling to spend the money necessary to treat her now Black citizens as equals with their co-citizens in France, the French first balkanized her West African Federation, linked each of the now weakened countries directly to her, and gave them independence.

The economic plight of the peoples in the Sahel was exacerbated by a climatic

shift that started in the early 1960's and has continued up to the present. Not only has the rainfall been 10-15% less, but it has been erratic over the whole area. The Niger River is at its lowest level in about 40 years, and Lake Chad has less water in it than at any time since 1943.

As these conditions became worse, the Africans did alert the Food and Agriculture Organization and other aid granting agencies, but no one paid any attention to them. It was only when reports of widespread hunger and death began to trickle out of the Sahel that the Western world took notice. By then the Senegalese had harvested only one-third of their normal crops, and about 40% of its livestock had died.

The Upper Volta lost some 35% of its livestock, Mauritania about 60% of its herds, and the latest report is that about 35% of all the animals in the entire Sahel have perished. The cost in human lives has not yet been calculated, but millions are affected.

In the face of such suffering, the response of the world was too little and almost too late. Spurred on by Ambassador Samuel Adams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Agency for International Development, and by Afro-American who had served as Ambassador to Niger, the United States finally allocated some \$20 million in food and assistance.

But a great deal of this money was spent airlifting food into the inland regions, and it was a drop in the bucket in the face of tremendous need. While appreciative of this aid, the Africans have felt constrained to declare publicly that the United States "could do a little more without feeling the strain. You have so much, it wouldn't

cost anybody anything," they say.

For their part, the Africans are insisting that the money allotted to them should not be spent in innumerable studies which gather dust, but should be used to develop projects generated by them. They are seeking the help of the Black community in this difficult battle. Send funds to RAIN, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

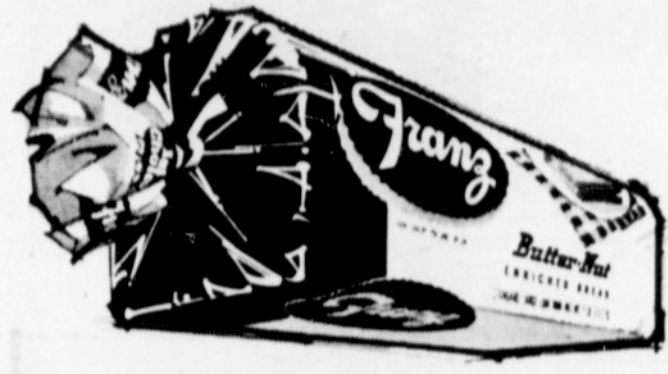
Democrats

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tradition of Ronny Williams to Alabama. Williams was convicted in Alabama of assault with intent to kill a police officer, a charge of which he claims to be innocent. He left Alabama, fearing for his life, while his case was on appeal. Since coming to Oregon he has earned his GED and has been employed at ESCO. His employers termed him a valuable and responsible employee and if he remains in Oregon they will rehire him. He is currently in Rocky Butte waiting extradition to Alabama.

One gentleman asked that the motion be held over to look in the State of Alabama's side of the story. Russ Farrell said, "The other side of the coin is racism. How do you compromise with racism. This is not an isolated incident, but the same thing is happening to Blacks and Mexicans throughout the South."

Representative Edith peck said, "If a young man could spend time in our disgraceful Rocky Butte jail and still want to stay in Oregon — Alabama must be hell!"



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ACLU director speaks

Melvin Wulf, National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, will be keynote speaker at a luncheon preceding a Lawyer's Workshop sponsored by the ACLU of Oregon to be held Saturday, November 17, at Templeton Commons, Lewis and Clark College, from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wulf will speak on "Recent Developments in the United States Supreme Court". As a member of the ACLU staff since 1958, he has argued more cases before the Supreme Court than any lawyer in history, probably including Solicitors General. He is personally responsible for many of the landmark First Amendment victories.

The workshop is designed as a "how to do it" session to help lawyers become more familiar with the techniques of litigating civil rights cases.

The workshop will be chaired by Thomas P. Deering, who served six years as Vice Chairperson of the ACLU of Oregon and head of its legal panel. ACLU cooperating attorney Daniel Seifer will present "An Overview of Civil Rights Laws", "Justiciability, or, How to Get to Court and Stay There" will be discussed by a panel of ACLU attorneys: Jonathan Ater, Charles Hinkle and Leslie Swanson.

Participation in the workshop is open to all members of the Oregon Bar, law students and the public. Registration information may be had from the ACLU office in Portland.

Wulf will also appear in Eugene on Friday evening, November 16, where he will speak at a public meeting at the University of Oregon Law School.

Christmas card class

Portland Community College will present a one-evening demonstration "Print Your Own Christmas Cards" on Tuesday, November 20, at PCC's Cascade center, 705 North Killingsworth.

A growing number of families are making their own cards in an effort to convey personalized greetings during the holiday season. Projects which do not require special tools or expense will be demonstrated, utilizing card-making techniques attractive to the entire family.

Special talents are unnecessary to create attractive, inexpensive greeting cards. Many items found in the home can be recruited... the humble cabbage, potato, and carrot, or that old inner tube and the scrap pile in the woodshop. All can be used to print simple patterns. For paper... brown sacks from the supermarket can be recycled.

The event is free, everyone is welcome. "Print Your Own Christmas Cards" will be held in the Cascade Student Union at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact PCC Community Services, 244-6111, ext. 208.

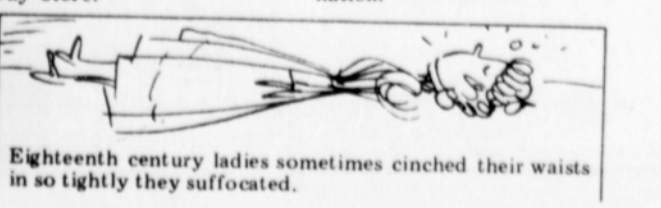
Farm union holds Thanksgiving week

The United Farm Workers Union will hold a week of activities called "Farmworkers Thanksgiving" in support of the farmworkers movement.

On Monday, November 19, labor picket lines will be held at Lloyd Center Safeway (12:00 noon), at St. John's Safeway, and Milwaukee Safeway (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.). On Tuesday, November 20, at noon, clergy will picket the 10th and Jefferson Safeway store.

On Wednesday, a city-wide picket will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Union and Ainsworth Safeway store. This will be followed by a farmworker mass at St. Andrews Church, 806 N.E. Alberta at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 25, has been designated as Farmworker Sunday, when churches will be asked to remember the plight of the farmworkers who are seeking equality and self-determination.



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