

Andrew Young asks Rhodesia boycott.....

U.S. Congressman Andrew Young has urged citizens across the nation to call upon members of Congress to vote against imports of chrome into the U.S. from Rhodesia, an African country

ruled by a minority white regime. The issue is expected to come to a vote in the House of Representatives within about a month, and Congressman Young appealed to people to contact representatives from their states and ask them to vote for legislation banning imports of Rhodesian chrome and its processed product, ferrochrome.

Native Blacks make up 95 percent of the population of Rhodesia, but the minority white regime refuses to agree to effective Black participation in the government.

Even though the United Nations has imposed international economic sanctions against Rhodesian products, the U.S. government — under the "Byrd Amendment" adopted by Congress — has permitted the importation of chrome and ferrochrome from Rhodesia since 1972. Last December the Senate voted to repeal the Byrd Amendment and halt these imports, and the House will take up the legislation soon.

Mr. Young, who is the first Black Congressman from Georgia in a century, said in a statement from his Washington office:

"I urge citizens everywhere to contact the members of the U.S. House from their states on this issue. You can write, call or visit these representatives and ask them to end the U.S. government's support of the Rhodesia regime by stopping the import of chrome and ferrochrome.

"These imports are said to be worth \$30 million a year to Rhodesia. There are several reasons why America should not be giving this aid. "First, it is bad foreign policy to support this racist regime in Africa. Black people here and around the world are opposed to this policy, as are many whites. "Second, America does not need Rhodesian chrome or ferrochrome. It is available from other nations, including Turkey and the Philippines. Even President Nixon has proposed that we reduce the

supplies of these products, which we have already stockpiled in this country. "Third, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has said that the Byrd Amendment is not essential to our national security, brings us no real economic advantage, and is detrimental to the conduct of foreign relations. "Fourth, we cannot expect to continue to have good relations and trade with other African nations if the U.S. supports the Rhodesian government. About one-fourth of our oil imports

come from Nigeria, 90 percent of our cobalt comes from Zaire, and Zambia is the world's largest exporter of copper. "Congressman Young observed that these reasons for stopping imports of Rhodesian chrome can be communicated to members of the House by telephoning, visiting or writing them in Washington or at their District office in their home states. All House members can be reached at the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

NNPA charges oil discriminates in ads

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, has charged five major oil companies of America with "summarily flagrant violation of equity in advertising," a concept which the Black press can no longer bear in silence.

Goodlett, publisher of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter, has told five major companies that "public subsidy of oil through federal and state tax depreciation allowances gives every right to 25 million Black Americans to insist that your company stop its racial discrimination against the Black press."

The charge was contained in a sharply worded telegram

from Goodlett to Texaco, Exxon, Shell of California, Standard Oil of California, and Gulf.

"After decades of fruitless pleas for oil advertising, commensurate with the \$46 billion purchasing power of Black Americans, first the tremendous 1973 oil company profits, second the massive energy crisis advertising campaign of oil companies utilizing white metropolitan daily newspapers, and finally the petroleum industry's long record of advertising discrimination against the Black press... it can no longer be borne in silence," the telegram said.

The President pointed out that the "public subsidy of oil

through federal and state tax depreciation allowances gives every right to 25 million Black Americans (the 25th largest nation in the world of 179 nations) to insist that your company stop its racial discrimination against the Black press, which is the sole Black controlled communication medium."

Goodlett pointed out that Black Americans represent 27.6 percent of the population of the nation's 48 largest cities and that they cannot obtain a viable community press so desperately needed by both Black and white America without that press receiving its fair share of advertising dollars derived from Black purchasing power. "Black Americans can no longer participate in the subsidy of America's oil industry if such beneficiaries of federal subsidies continue their flagrant disregard of Black demands for fair advertising."

Copies of the wire were sent to the National Urban League, the NAACP, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Black Churchmen and the National Council of Negro Women.

PNB switching system provides new services

Construction of Pacific Northwest Bell's one-story addition to its central office building at 2150 N. Lombard is nearing completion. According to Roy Schnaible, PNB division commercial manager, the addition will house new sophisticated Electronic Switching System (ESS) equipment to initially serve area customers who have the telephone number prefix 283. Completion of the building is scheduled for mid-summer and the "in-service" date is set for early spring of next year.

"The new switching system is part of our service expansion program to meet growing customer needs in the area," Schnaible said. "The ESS is computerized for more efficiency and is less costly to maintain because most service-affecting problems are cleared by replacing defective parts with plug-in components."

He added that ESS service will offer many custom calling features including Call Waiting, which sounds a tone signal to the person using a phone when someone is trying to call on the same line; Speed Calling, which permits customers to reach most frequently dialed numbers by simply dialing a two-digit code; Three-Way Calling, where a third party can be brought into a conversation by merely pressing the switchhook and dialing the third party's number; and Call Forwarding, which permits the forwarding of calls to another phone while the subscriber is away from home or office.

"Construction of the nearly \$4 million project was started late last fall," Schnaible said. "The building addition contains approximately 11,000 square feet, and a parking area for employees is also provided."

COMPETITION

by Ricardo Parks

It seems everywhere you turn somebody is competing with someone else. Country against country, Safeway against Kienows, Blazers against Sonics, and Ali against Frazier. On every level in this world involving man, competition is playing a dominant role.

But who should the Black man really be competing with? His background? The system? Or is it his brothers and sisters? I think it should be himself! Each of us Black people (or even white people, yellow people or green people) should throw out a challenge to be a better person within ourselves.

Because people like King, Kennedy, Malcolm X, and Evers made significant sacrifices, people like you and I can understand what it means to openly strive for something better.

Have you ever noticed how many Black people live for today? These are the takers, the ones who want everything given to them. They are the ones that are constantly playing "hookie", living in the back rooms throwing dice, stealing from his brothers, and even selling his Black sisters.

Maybe I am a bit idealistic but I like to believe that the guy being able to use the examples of the past while directing his activities on today and tomorrow will be the truly successful person. It's kind of like a guy driving down a highway. If he pays too much attention to the rearview mirror, he will run off the road. In-

stead, he has to train himself to constantly glance behind but focus on where he is going.

Let's talk some straight facts! Most people think of our race as being lazy, shiftless, unmotivated, dumb, slow and a bunch of other misplaced adjectives. If we are to move away from this false identity, it will be because of individuals challenging themselves to greater things. They will be the examples of our future. Join the competition!

Economist

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Single youth between the ages of 19 to 30 is the group Ms. Robertson is now trying to reach to draw them into the program. "Men should learn to cook as well as women," she said. "Nowadays they're marrying women who can't cook." Many students who don't cook from scratch find they are spending more money on convenient food and the only thing they save is time. They don't compare prices, ounces or quality most of the time.

A challenging job and a promising future lay ahead for a young lady who's bright outlook on life stems from her large family. "I learned to share, care and develop strong love," Ms. Robertson explained. "Being from a large family, I learned to be considerate of others," and other areas involving family living. She also teaches leaders training for 4-H.

Getting Smart

BY WALTER L. SMART
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To many of us, the big business inspired oil shortage will mean fewer trips to Aunt Martha's, fewer trips across town on weekends and using woefully out of date mass transit more times than we would like. For medium distance trips, it is often more expensive to use trains, the bus and airplanes.

But to even more large a part of our population it can mean the difference between life and death. The elderly and the very young will suffer most from the decrease in room temperatures and the need for those cheap hazardous electrical heaters.

In previous columns, I have shown that the number of deaths caused by fires has increased in our major urban areas. Until fuel becomes more readily available to those who need it most, more people will die needlessly.

The cries from our cities fall on deaf ears in the White House. If you listened to President Nixon's State of the Union message, it became clear that he still wants to invest little, if anything, in our cities to (1) reduce the cost of fuel and gas and (2) invest adequate monies to keep the cost of mass transit down.

It also becomes clear that he still thinks in terms of "welfare cheaters" instead of a large segment of our population who are truly in need. Without the proper monetary assistance, the poor, jobless, disabled, young, widowed, and abandoned (millions of people) would die of starvation, homelessness and exposure. It almost remains clear that the Great Society's

goal of a home for every family has ceased to be a goal any longer. The housing moratorium persists.

We cannot remain depressed about the sad state of affairs in this republic nor should it in any way prevent us from continuing the struggle to search for the realization of the American dream. We can't wait for our weak-kneed Congress to impeach and remove the President. Gerald Ford could be a worse monster than his predecessor. We must continue to move politically in our own localities to elect strong-principled leaders. We must continue to lend the support necessary to keep those in office who: (1) raise controversial issues and educate the public, (2) support urban economic development in our communities to make us more self-reliant, self-sustaining and self-determined, (3) make coalitions and alliances with those who have our same implementable, tactical and ultimate goals, (4) are more concerned with leading us as groups rather than gliding their own pockets as individuals, and (5) make every effort to consolidate our fragmented people rather than contribute to divisiveness.

When we begin to think about a real Movement, and real leaders for real change, we have to also think of real people as the sole base of movement support. It is up to us — the people — to ensure that our needs, desires and aspirations are heard, felt and acted upon in every corner of our government, from the desk of the bureaucrat to the Oval Office.

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CAUCUS TIME

by Jettie B. Wilds, Jr.
Chairman, Oregon Black Caucus

When I was growing up, there was a saying, "You can't hold me and whip me". Loosely interpreted, that meant that whomever wanted to abuse someone had to expect some fighting back. This brought great respect from everyone involved.

Hopefully, this political season won't find us being held and beaten. We must be active in the support of those Blacks seeking public office and also those white candidates or office holders who support Black candidates. Other than not supporting Black candidates, we can be held and beaten in the following ways: (1) A white candidate comes-a-calling "to find out what Black folks want." Rather than wanting his or her office or the office they are seeking, we support the white candidate. If you must support, play a prominent and visible role. (2) A white office-holder implies or commits indirect support for a Black candidate. There is no public commitment made and the same white office-holder supports someone white for the same position. We are not only held in check but we probably would try to discourage other Blacks from seeking that position. (3) There is always the "field-trip" play. This is where the office-holder invites the attention-starved community person to his or her office for coffee and consultation. Sometimes the office-holder will go to the community person for coffee and consultation. The consultation is usually centered around "what do you people want?". The result is always the same — undying support for the opportunity to have coffee with the man. We must not knock those persons who need this psychological lift, but for those who want and need more, let's do more. Why speak about this now? The city-county consolidation vote, City Councilman Ivancie's declaration to run for a county seat and other elections on the state and national level shaping up mean that a lot of public offices will be up for grabs.

Herewith are a few comments to be pondered. The upcoming vote on city-county consolidation has produced some interesting conditions. One camp is inferring that it comes down to liberals being for consolidation and old guard conservatives being against consolidation. This kind of split might make for some kind of rallying point but doesn't make much sense. When we look at meaningful deeds, the so-called liberals and conservatives in Oregon have the same track record. For example, here are four popular names on the local political scene: Gleason, Clark, Ivancie and Goldschmidt. Your task is to pick the liberal(s) from the conservatives by past and present deeds as public servants. The next task is to pick the liberals from among the conservatives by what they say. If your analysis indicates that liberals talk liberal but act conservative, then what is the difference in real value?

Police

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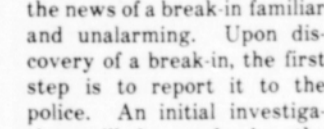
According to 1971 Oregon Crime Report Statistics, 1,986 burglaries were reported in Multnomah County alone. In the state of Oregon, 22,665 burglaries were reported in 1971. Of those 22,665 reported burglaries, there were 1116 arrests, 41 convictions, 11 acquittals, 5 reduced charges and 94 dismissals. Less than 10% of these reported burglaries resulted in arrest.

For many, accepting the probability that their home could be burglarized on any given tomorrow has made the news of a break-in familiar and unalarming. Upon discovery of a break-in, the first step is to report it to the police. An initial investigation will be made by the officer. If the burglary is extensive, a further investigation will be made. After that, the victim will just have to hope for more consideration than Vernard Taylor.

We need to look at the deeds of Portland Mayor Goldschmidt and his buddy Multnomah County Commissioner Clark. We need to look at the deeds of Multnomah County Commissioner Gleason and his buddy Portland City Councilman Ivancie. The words of these men, as far as Blacks are concerned, oft-times seem to put them in different camps. However, the deeds of the four seem to produce the same results for Blacks... nothing.

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