



Turkish Art shown

"Turkish Art from the Topkapu" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture at the Portland Art Museum on Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Edwin Binney 3rd, internationally recognized collector and scholar in the field of Islamic art, will speak. He will discuss major works in the Topkapu, an Ottoman palace in Istanbul which houses Turkey's national collection of art of the Sultans, and show fine examples of miniatures, tiles and the architecture of the mosques.

He will also speak about examples from his own collection of Turkish art, recently shown at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City and currently on view at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.



New Congressman Harold Ford of Memphis, first Black ever elected to Congress from Tennessee, held a press conference in Washington last week at the Democratic National Committee headquarters to explain his victorious campaign and how Chairman Robert Strauss' visit to Memphis helped.

PCC stages concert

A free Christmas concert by the Portland Community College Concert Band is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th, in PCC's Little Theater (room GT B2) at Sylvania, 12000 S.W. 49th Avenue.

The program will begin with traditional Christmas music arranged for brass by Leroy Anderson and progress through a wide selection of classical and folk pieces.

Two selections, Beethoven's "Siegessymphonie" and Berlioz' "Symphony for Band", are from original manuscripts recently discovered in Europe. For further information contact the Music department at Portland Community College, 244-6111.

Sugar substitutes change product

Reducing the sugar in your favorite baked product will change the final product, reports Nellie Oehler, Extension food and nutrition specialist at Oregon State University.

There is no rule to follow as to how much one can safely reduce the sugar content, Mrs. Oehler adds. Each homemaker will have to experiment for herself to see whether she and her family find the new product made with less sugar acceptable.

Reducing the sugar content in baked goods tends to make products with a

coarser texture, that is less tender, become stale more quickly, and heavier.

Breads can be baked without sugar, but the dough will rise more slowly and the final product will be more like a bread and less like a roll.

Corn syrup and honey can be used in place of sugar in the recipes. However, Mrs. Oehler notes, the price of honey and corn syrup is also high, so unless these products are on hand, the homemaker will not be saving any money by using the substitutes.

Artists schedule jazz concert

A three-hour jazz concert entitled "The Gift" will feature the Creative Jazz Ensemble, directed by Thara Memory. Also participating will be members of the Portland Junior Symphony, The Oregon Symphony and

the Jefferson Performing Arts Project.

The concert is sponsored by the Creative Center for the Black Arts and is billed as a "family affair".

Time and place are 8:00 p.m. December 7th at the Civic Auditorium. Tickets

Dinner

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persons who have no permanent homes, are low-income, or have no families with whom to spend Thanksgiving.

Shut-ins who are unable to come to dinner may call 284-5480 to arrange for home delivery.

NAACP members dispute election

(Continued from pg. 1, col. 9) nominating committee due to Gertrude Crowe's illness, said he was sorry that he was unable to be at the membership meeting because of his church anniversary. He said the nominating committee decided to accept Casson's suggestions, but they were in no way "locked in" or pressured to do so.

Nominating committee members were Mrs. Crowe, Louise McCowan and J.I. Manus and Jackson.

Casson said he thinks four years is long enough for anyone to be NAACP President and that he had expected to give up the Presidency.

However, many persons told him that since he was responsible for bringing the National Convention to Portland in 1978, he should not walk out on them now and leave them with the task of hosting a national convention.

Casson said that he did not appoint an election supervisory committee because there is no contest.

"As President of the NAACP," Casson stated, "I have acted in good faith to serve this branch and my community, upholding the election laws of the NAACP. My recommendations or suggestions were made on the basis of people who had served and who had shown an interest in the NAACP."

Casson said the nominating committee had the option to either take his recommenda-

tions or find their own people and they chose to take his suggestions.

Ted Baugh, board member of the NAACP, Vancouver Branch, who attended the Annual Convention, said the entire Western Region delegation was responsible for bringing the National Conference to Portland. Prominent roles were played by

Judge Charles Johnson, a national board member from Seattle; Jack Tanner, a former national board member from Tacoma; and Don McCullum, former President of the Western Region. "Tanner's getting the votes from New York, Detroit and Pennsylvania, along with the Western Region's votes, clinched it," he said.

The procedure for con-

testing the legality prior to the election, which is to occur December 8th, is a petition to the National Office signed by 25 members. If the National Office determines that there have been infractions of the rules, it will set aside the nominations and can send an official to supervise a new nomination process and election.

Use common sense

by Ron Herndon

We are once again approaching a holiday season in which, traditionally, we as Black people allow ourselves to be an accomplice to "The Christmas Game". Businessmen began enforcing tactics months ago that will lure us into their stores and fatten their pockets. Every year we say, "No, not this year," but yet we partake in the game only to end the year with the spirit of brotherhood broken and ourselves in the same boat - deeper in debt!

With the country undergoing a continuously rising recession, we can't afford to overlook certain realities affecting our existence as Black/African people. The major economic gains of the 1960's have vanished and it will be detrimental for us to continue to play games with ourselves. Inflation and unemployment are real facts which we must take a closer look at.

The current recession has crippled the working people as a whole, in particular Black workers who are "last to be hired, first to be fired". According to government statistics, unemployment nationally is reaching 7 percent. However, these statistics neglect to give the true picture representing unemployment in the Black community. The unemployment in the Black community has passed the 11 percent mark, which was the exact percentage of unemployment during the depression of the 1930's. Not only are we 90 percent of the non-white unemployed, but our income when employed is only about 50 percent of the average

white family's income. Another crippling factor of the current recession is the 12 percent annual increase of food, fuel, clothing, new and used cars, medical services, home furnishings and new housing. No one can tell you when, where or how to spend your earnings, but advice can and should be given. It would be wise, especially during the commercialized, money-making gimmick of the holiday season, to be aware of the status of the economy and the cutbacks in productions and jobs. No one has infinite security.

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