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LT. GOVERNOR GEORGE BROWN



SECRETARY JAMES BLAIR

Human Rights Workers meet here

The National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW) will hold its annual conference in Portland from October 12th through October 16th.

An expected 200 to 300 delegates from chapters across the nation will convene at the Sheraton - Lloyd Center.

Ellis Casson, workers vice-president of NAHRW, announced that a highlight of the conference will be the banquet address by Lt. Governor George Brown of Colorado.

Lt. Governor Brown, who was elected on November of 1974, is a former journalist with the *Denver Post* and has achieved many honors for his civic and civil rights work. Prior to becoming Lt. Governor, he was a State Representative and a State Senator.

Lt. Governor Brown will speak at the Sunday evening session, 7:30 p.m. at the West Ballroom, Commissioner Charles Jordan will welcome the delegates of the City of Portland; Secretary of State Clay Meyers will introduce the speaker; and the meeting will be presided over by Casson.

James Blair, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing, will address the October 13th luncheon. Mayor Neil Goldschmidt will greet the visitors.

Blair was nominated by President Ford on May 22nd, 1975 and confirmed by the Senate on June 6th. He is responsible for administering the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (as amended). He administers HUD's civil rights and equal opportunity programs and is responsible for implementing requirements for training, employment and business opportunity of the disadvantaged HUD - assisted project areas. He had been Executive Director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights.

Workshops and sessions including those on education with: Dr. Kathryn Favors, Berkeley Unified School District; Dr. A. Colum, Berkeley Unified School District; Dr. Orlando L. Taylor, Center for Applied Linguistics, Arlington,

Virginia; and Dr. May Hoover, Stanford University.

Sessions on justice feature Sheriff Lee Brown and Lewis Taylor, Director of the LEAA Project, International Association of Official Human Rights agencies.

Additional workshops explore employment and housing, the effect of court decisions on affirmative action, the impact of technology on human rights, racism in mental health, and revenue sharing.

Oregonian's participating in the conference include Jerry Fuller, Paul Bender, Jonathan Newman, Vernon Summers, Tom Sloan, Mary Edwards, Labor Commissioner Bill Stevenson, Victor Leveyard, and Irma Fishman.

Speakers of particular interest to Portland residents include Donald McCullen, California attorney who is active in the NAACP; and Emory Jackson of the National Urban League.

Delegates to the conference will spend October 14th at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, observing its economic development projects. ✓

Barnett goes to Minnesota

James A. Barnett has been named area director of the Minneapolis area office of the Labor Management Services Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Barnett had been LMSA resident compliance officer in Portland prior to his new appointment.

A native of Uhrichsville, Ohio, Barnett holds a B.B.A. from the Detroit Institute of Technology. Before coming to Portland he had been a general investigator for the LMSA's Office of Labor Management Welfare Pension Reports for three years, and prior to that, an internal revenue agent for the U.S. Treasury Department.

Barnett's office administers laws relating to unions and their members. The Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act - requires labor organizations to file annual financial reports with the Department, bond financial officers, conduct election of officers in a democratic fashion, and assure union members certain rights.

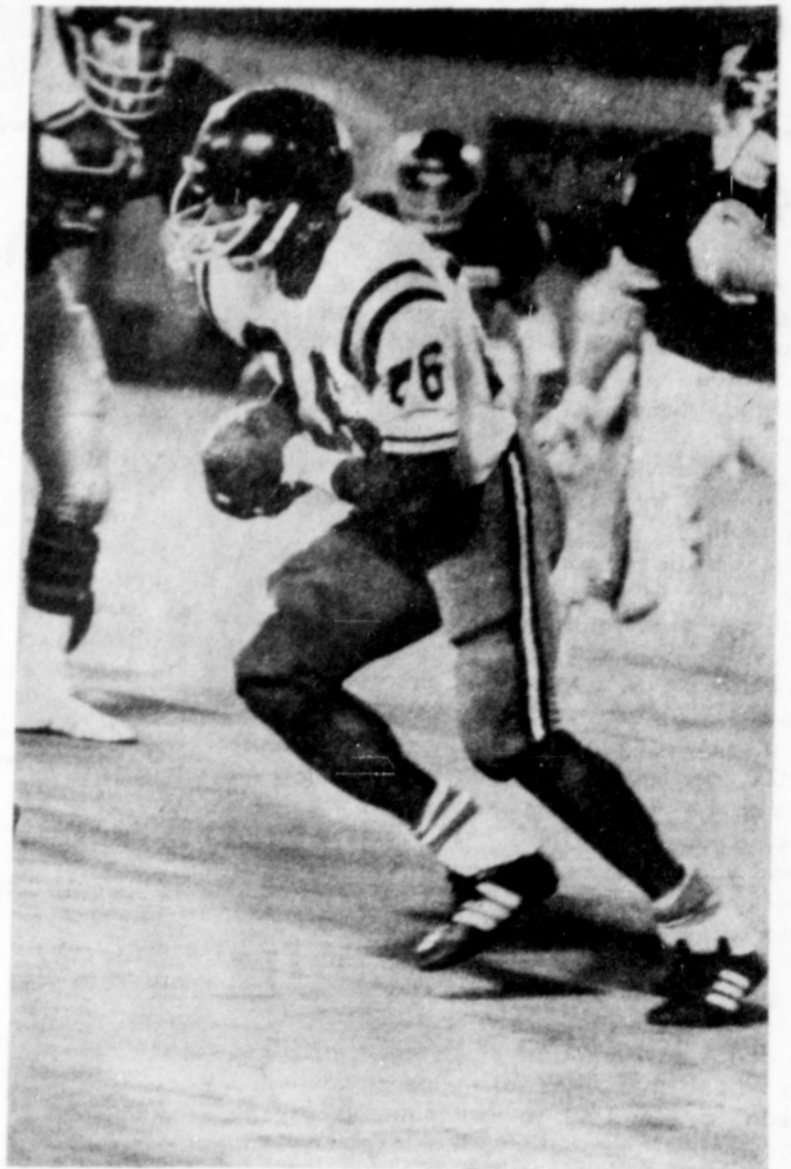
Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 - establishes fiduciary - "prudent man" - standards for administrators of plan assets. The Act also requires, among other things, that administrators of private pension and welfare plans file copies of plans with the Department and report financial operations of the plan funds each year to the Department.

Federal Labor-Management Relations - Executive Order 11491, as amended - gives responsibility to Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations to handle unfair labor practice charges, unit determinations and representation elections of federal employee unions and to administer standards of conduct regulations.

Veterans' Reemployment Rights - the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, passed by Congress December 3rd, 1974, provides that those who leave employment to serve in the Armed Services have certain reemployment rights they can exercise following their return to civilian life.

Barnett and his wife Naomi have three children. Vincent, who is a National Merit Scholar, is a student at Oregon State University. Daryl is a high school student, who attended Franklin High School while in Portland; and Angela who is thirteen years old.

Barnett was an active member of Bethel AME Church, serving as a member of the Stewards Board, advisor to the Youth Choir, and a member of the Finance Committee.



Sammie White carries the ball.

Grambling wins again

"When we lose, a lot of people lose." Grambling State University coach Eddie Robinson tells his team in the locker room before each game. But the thousands of Grambling supporters from Portland and Seattle, who flocked to the Civic Stadium Saturday night to see Grambling defeat Oregon State University, did not lose.

Grambling remains "Number One." "We just wanted to get off the field with a win," Eddie Robinson said. "I'm real happy, but I have a great compassion for Dec."

Dwight Seales and Larry Scrubbs

kicked field goals of 23 and 25 yards, and Sophomore Quarterback Doug Williams threw 10 yards to Sammie White and 47 to Dwight Seales to defeat the Beavers 19-12. The final touchdown pass came with fifty-nine seconds remaining in the game.

Oregon State scored on a safety, and a 36 yard field goal by Kevin Callan, and a touchdown run by Rich Dodge.

Grambling led in first downs, yards rushing, passing yards and passes.

Adding to the spectacle was the 175 piece Grambling Marching Band which thrilled the crowd before the game and at half-time with its foot moving drills.

PHOTO FROM INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOR THE NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL, AUGUST THE 21ST, 1964.



Frank Kirigin, known as "Jimmy Jackson" holds Jewell Waddell and Charley Smith, on the 1,245 foot high parapete of the Empire State Building.

Former Oregonian heads Watts development

A former Oregon State football star and choir singer, who worked with the late great Mahalia Jackson, plays the main role in the huge Watts redevelopment project that encompasses \$21 million.

Richard Whitfield, thirty-eight, who has been with the Community Redevelopment Agency for more than half a decade, is the man who reportedly makes the office tick.

The bearded, articulate family man, who recently obtained his MA degree in public administration, is primarily responsible for the huge sixty-four single family house project, which he considers the highlight of his tenure at CRA.

"The people are satisfied, but there are still some problems, due to a new housing program, that are being corrected," said Whitfield.

"The people of Watts have self-pride and they now have an opportunity to own a home, while at the same time they have formed an homeowner's association.

"We, at CRA, assist them any way they need assistance.

"This makes us, and personally myself happy."

Whitfield is athletic as his credentials at Jefferson High School, and ultimately Oregon State, illustrate.

He smiled when he reminisced: "I was a blocking back in 1955-59 at State.

Whitfield's important role at CRA includes a vast array of responsibilities.

He is with being coordinator of all the plans and advised the legal aspects, along with the technical engineers of the housing project.

The redevelopment project, which received \$21 million, approved by the City Council and CRA board in '68 and finally approved in Washington in '69, spans 107 acres.

There are 1,600 families living in the area.

Whitfield, once again was the meat of the project, as he commented.

"Lou Maryland, Randle Brantley and myself, along with the Advisory Committee's (citizens) assistance, went from door to door to inform the

community of what was happening," he said.

"I helped organize all the factors involved in the project, including the people, training, leg work, and citizen participation in the Watts plan."

Whitfield is an accomplished singer, who grew up singing in his church choir at St. Paul Baptist Church.

He was taught by Larry Lawson at Jefferson High School, and Mahalia Jackson also played a vital role in aiding Whitfield.

Flanagan's only chance for survival is a kidney transplant, but this must wait until healthy kidneys are donated. In the meantime, he needs frequent hospitalization.

Adding to the Flanagan's already serious medical problems, they recently learned that their six-month-old daughter, Aisha, suffers from a structural deformation of the heart. In order to survive infancy, Aisha must have major surgery, which will give her a fifty percent chance of recovery.

Adding to the Flanagan family's problems are heavy medical debts and current living costs. Although the government will cover eighty percent of the Flanagan's hospital cost, the bill is already well over \$20,000. There is no insurance coverage on Aisha who needs continual medical observation as well as the costly operation.

The Flanagan family, which consists of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, Aisha, and a two-year-old daughter, Akiba, currently live on a \$368 monthly Social Security check. Along with continuous trips to the hospital and baby sitting costs, the family must also meet the regular rent and utility costs.

Readers can assist this young couple and their children in this time of crisis by contributing to: The Flanagan Aid Fund, % American State Bank, Box 12348, Portland, Oregon 97212.



The King Neighborhood Facility was officially opened on October 6th by Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Portland Public Schools and Portland Development Commission. The Facility, located at 4815 Northeast Seventh Avenue, will provide space for a number of social agencies. The Facility was planned by citizens of the Model Neighborhood.

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