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DOROTHY SPENCER



ROBERT PHILLIPS

Service Center hires two

Mrs. Dorothy S. Spencer has been appointed as a Case Worker III according to Mrs. Hazel G. Hays, manager of the Albina Human Resource Center.

Mrs. Spencer's duties will consist of assisting Center clients with the numerous services provided by agencies in the Center.

She replaces Robert Phillips who has been transferred to the Albina Public Welfare Branch as a Social Worker I. Mr.

Phillips received his B.S. from Oregon State University and a MSW from Portland State University School of Social Work.

Mrs. Spencer is a product of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Spencer resigned her position as head teacher and assistant to the Director of Bethel Child Development Center to take her new assignment.

New York banks called shaky

New York - (IPS) - the U.S. capitalist class this week launched an austerity push unprecedented in American history - albeit from two sides of the same austerity coin. The picture that has emerged is of two broad capitalist camps debating what kind of austerity and how it would enforce the collection of major categories of dollar denominated debt, imminently threatened with default.

At one end of the spectrum there is the conservative Ford Administration which has consolidated itself around what one Wall Street observer described as a policy of "cold turkey" for the economy: massive budget cuts, tax hikes, stripping down of regulatory agencies, and stepped up resistance to upcoming demands by labor for wage hikes.

At the other end is the east coast banking community hooked in the center and left-center factions within the Democratic Party who moved this week to eliminate Chase Manhattan's Chairman of the Board, David Rockefeller, and run the remains of the dollar empire through a top-down, Federal control over the U.S. banking system and a corporate (Please turn to page 5 col. 1)



"There are 1400 miles of sewers in Portland . . . and rats all through them . . . more rats in the last 10 years or so . . ."

Austerity brings rapid health breakdown

by Roy Harvey

Disease - an International Agent

Since 1973 the World Health Organization (WHO) has seen its budget cut some thirty percent, while the Third World in particular has had widespread epidemics of an enormous variety - diseases such as chagas, meningitis, tuberculosis, shistosomiasis, cholera, bubonic plague, malaria have caused hundreds of thousands of deaths throughout Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa. The WHO cites in a current report that the steady rise in disease has seen a dramatic increase in the last two months. Malaria cases, for example, have risen by 41 percent last year and 91 percent over the past two years throughout Southeast Asia, with three million official cases and at least ten times that number of actually afflicted individuals. WHO notes that some 922 million people are "at risk" given the "large scale cut backs" in funding. The WHO reports that there is large scale biological resistance to common drugs used to treat malaria. There exists large scale resistance among the malaria-bearing mosquitoes to DDT, while the most severe type of malaria is resistant to the most common drugs used to treat malaria. This is the pattern: as the population is weakened by a declining living standard, diseases become resistant to the usual remedies and new more virulent strains appear. This is the

pattern suggested in the Victoria-A influenza.

The half dozen cases of the A-Victoria strain of influenza is viewed by many epidemiologists as part of a trend in a depression induced world-wide breakdown of health. State epidemiologist Dr. John Googins stated that the new strain of influenza was identified last year in Victoria Australia, but was earlier the cause of an epidemic in New Guinea which caused extensive deaths - though how extensive the epidemiologist did not know. The A-Victoria variety of influenza is a variation of the Hong Kong A strain and the Port Chalmers influenza strain which reached epidemic proportions last year in Europe and in nineteen states in the U.S. Dr. Googins stated that the probable origin of the influenza virus is Southeast Asia. About half a dozen strains of influenza virus are inoculated against in vaccine. It is unusual for nursing homes to initially be affected so seriously by influenza before schools, flu vaccinations are given more thoroughly in the nursing homes. Vaccine is prepared about half a year in advance. Dr. Googins describes Oregon's health condition as "pretty good", but in a less healthy population such new strains could quickly wreck havoc on masses of people, similar to the influenza epidemic in 1918 which killed millions of people.

Last year in the U.S. tuberculosis

jumped five percent, while previously it had dropped seven to eight percent steadily. Hepatitis B is up ten percent (nearly fifty percent is spread by drug addicts). Encephalitis doubled last year, due to the St. Louis strain. A healthy population can endure relatively mild diseases - quite often do not see a doctor - as their general state of health allows them to fight the disease off - but a drop in the standard of living magnifies the 'silent' cases, and lays the conditions for the disease to spread. Malnutrition pushes an entire population to the edge of holocaust. For example measles, mild childhood disease is the second greatest cause of the enormous infant mortality rate in Latin America. Likewise with a breakdown in sanitation, clean water supplies, malnutrition and starvation (such as is now the case in northeast Brazil, where some 150,000 people are facing death from the lack of water and food) magnify infectious hepatitis, tuberculosis, various strains of influenza into deadly killers.

Oregon - as part of the international community

Bonnie Percival of the Oregon State Health Office outlined the situation as fairly bleak if further budget cuts to health are made: "Many countries are hard put to have any health service at all - for a long while last year Columbia (Please turn to page 6 col. 3)

Mason heads Union Pacific Club



TREVOL MASON

For the first time in its fifty year history, the Union Pacific Club has elected a Black president, Trevol Mason. As far as is known, Mason is the first Black president of any of the member clubs throughout the area served by the Union Pacific Railroad.

It was only recently that Blacks were admitted to the club, and even now they make up about five percent of the membership.

The local Union Pacific Club is approximately fifty years old and was formed as a social club for Union Pacific employees. The club is divided into two sections, one called "The Old Timers Club", for employees with twenty years service or more, and the "Junior's", for employees with less than twenty years with the company. Mason heads the "Old Timers."

The club provides social activities for its members and participates in the annual national conference.

Mason came to Portland over thirty years ago for a visit, took a temporary job

on the railroad, and decided to stay. He has now been with Union Pacific for thirty years, the last twenty-two of which he has been a crane operator.

Mason participates in many community activities. He has been a Deacon at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church for over twenty years; is Past Grand Pastor of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; is a member of the Board of Directors of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, F.&A.M. Prior to being elected President of the Union Pacific club, he was Vice President for two years.

Mason and his wife, Beatrice, have raised three sons. Trevol, Jr. is a truck driver in Seattle; James, a graduate of Oregon College of Education, is a counsellor at the Albina Human Resource Center; and Michael is employed by a Portland chemical firm.

Mrs. Mason is a member of the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific Club Ladies Auxiliary. She is serving her second term as Grand Worthy Matron of the Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star.

'And that's the way it's not . . .'

by Roy Harvey

The House Intelligence Committee last week exposed a bit of CIA press control, revealing the CIA cooperation of fifteen major international media outlets - including television, radio, newspaper and magazine companies. The Pike Committee draft report says the CIA had eleven full-time clandestine agents posing as journalists for American and foreign organizations. These agents, with the knowledge of their employers, did nothing but plant stories in the major

to people or organizations who do not acknowledge the U.S. government as the source of their material and who produced the material as if it were their own"; and Black propaganda ("...un-attributed material, or...attributed to a non-existent source, or false material attributed to a real source"). Agee says that the CIA "is the only government agency authorized to engage in Black propaganda operations," (our emphasis). Agee identifies the International Foundation of Journalists as a wholesale CIA creations out of which nonwriting agents are recruited. Agee lists numerous other CIA press agencies, federations and unions.

The CIA was created in 1947 out of the 'old boy' network of the Office of Strategic Studies (OSS) associated with the 'Eastern banking establishment' to serve their interests. International Press Service (IPS), which has extensively exposed the role of the CIA in the press, views the story behind the spy exposés as reflecting internecine warfare (now essentially over) between the New York bankers (the Rockefeller group - or cabal) and a ore inchoate capitalist grouping which includes bankers and publishers Averell Harriman, Dorothy Schiff (New York Post), Marshall Field (Chicago Sun Times, etc.), the Sulzbergers (New York Times), Katherine Graham (Washington Post) as well as the Warburg-Rothschild and Lazard Freres banking groups. IPS maintains the key issue which has motivated the Kennedy-Harriman wing of the Democratic Party has been the Kissinger-Rockefeller foreign policy - especially its use of the CIA covert operations and thermonuclear war provocations against the Soviets. Harriman is chairman of the Democratic Party Foreign Policy Task Force. IPS outlines the above group as determined to impose a 'neo-new deal', in an attempt to restart production, exposing the corporatist

austerity measures whereby this faction hopes to wring the capital for production starts out of the lifeblood of the working class.

Seantor Frank Church (head of the Senate Intelligence Committee) is now moving to incorporate an Official Secrets Act in his oversight committee recommendations to Congress. This legislation would prohibit former CIA and other agents from publishing information gained during their intelligence employ. This would exclude at least Colonel Prouty (author of The Secret Team) and ex National Security Council agent Roy Frankhauser. IPS notes that it is part of the foreign policy of this anti-cabalist group to pursue the Soviets into a posture of self-containment, rather than see the U.S. involved in showdowns with the Soviets, as in Angola and the Middle East.

A Healthy Press Could Not Tolerate CIA Agency

A recent pastime in the news media must be to guess who's on the CIA payroll, and who's not - the joke being that those who are not are working for nothing. The established and 'underground' media is ripe for CIA domination, in the same way that most left wing groups are: having no program for development, having no coherent notion of responsibility (in the Spinozan-LaRouche sense), the myth of 'objective news' flourishes: it becomes objective when you 'have your facts straight' and you 'lack partiality.' The sensationalism essential to selling papers is complemented by the impotence of individual reporters and editors who (for a variety of related reasons) are incapable of doing holistic investigative reporting. A series of seemingly disconnected events assembled so as not to cause alarm pass for "the news" - such news is complicit in maintaining working people's passivity (Please turn to page 2 col. 4)

Collins wins Army's EEOC award

C. Kevin Collins, equal employment opportunity officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Portland District, has received the Secretary of the Army's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity for 1974.

Collins, a resident of Northeast Portland, received the award from Assistant Secretary of the Army Donald G. Brotzman in a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He was one of four Army employees chosen to receive the award for 1974.

The award cited Collins for his "exceptional efforts in the development and implementation of a highly successful Equal Employment Opportunity Plan... Perceiving the needs of the members of the Portland area community, as well as those of his organization, he sympathized and personally pursued innovative programs which benefited both groups."

Collins, 48, was director of the Social Action Commission of the Archdiocese of Portland before joining the Corps in 1972. He also served as dean of students at the University of Portland, 1967-69, and as the first director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Oregon in 1965-66.

A graduate of Columbia Preparatory High School and the University of Portland, Collins was at Jefferson High School as a teacher, counsellor, and vice principal from 1953 to 1965.

He is currently chairman of the Portland Federal Executive Board EEO Committee, and a member of the board of directors of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. He



KEVIN COLLINS

belongs to St. Andrew's Catholic Church and the City Club of Portland.

Collins and his wife Joanne are parents of nine children.

News analysis

press media. The way it works, according to the Committee report, is to influence (or control) domestic news through international foreign news agencies. Reuters, the British newswire service, is singled out as especially CIA dominated. To the critical reader of the news, these revelations should come as no surprise.

Subsequent to the House Report on CIA press infiltration, Same Jaffe, a former CBS and ABC foreign correspondent (himself an FBI informant) told television interviewers that he knows of some 239 newsmen working for the CIA, including Walter Cronkite. The Pike Committee report is to have identified NBC television anchorman John Chancellor "of secret intelligence work."

In his book CIA Diary: Inside the Company, veteran CIA agent Philip Agee describes the three types of media control: white propaganda (conducted directly through government agencies to the press: press releases, reports, tapes, speakers); grey propaganda ("attributed