

Young joins Washington staff

President Ford nominated James Lloyd Young, a career Federal executive honored for innovative leadership and aggressive management policies, to be Assistant for Housing Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Young, Regional Administrator for Region X, headquartered in Seattle, Washington, succeeds H.R. Crawford who resigned January 27th.

Commenting on Young's selection, HUD Secretary Carla A. Hills said: "Young brings to HUD's central office the proven qualities of leadership and judgment that made him an outstanding success in the field. We need his talents in the very important office of Housing Management."

Young in 1975 received HUD's Distinguished Service Award, highest honor of the Department, for his "innovative

leadership, aggressive management policies and comprehensive planning efforts which have greatly enhanced Region X's ability to respond to public needs.

The federal official also received the HUD Certificate of Merit for outstanding leadership and initiative in reducing by 56 percent the inventory of Secretary-acquired properties in the Region X jurisdiction, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

The City of Seattle gave Young its highest honor, First Citizen Award, for "outstanding service to the people of this Region and particularly in Seattle."

Appointed Region X Director in April, 1974, Young joined HUD in the fall of 1969, the year the Region was created in HUD's reorganization of the field structure.

In February 1972, Young was named chairman of the Northwest Federal Regional Council, consisting of Regional

Administrators of nine domestic Federal human-resources agencies.

Born September 8, 1932 in Swain, Arkansas, Young was for eight years a high school teacher and athletic coach in Pueblo, Colorado. He was graduated from Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado.

Following a stint as counselor-supervisor of an experimental manpower-development program of the U.S. Department of Labor, Young became executive director of Pueblo's Community Action Program (CAP) in 1964. Two years later, he became a community-development trainer for the University of Missouri, working with 123 Community Action Agencies in the midwest, for a year. After that he was district supervisor in San Francisco with the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

Investigators join Labor Bureau staff

Labor Commissioner Bill Stevenson announced that seven recently appointed civil rights investigators have completed three weeks of intensive training and have been assigned individual case loads.

Stevenson said that an investigator's job at the Bureau of Labor is two-fold: • to provide complainants with information about their rights and responsibilities in filing a complaint, and;

• to provide professional and objective investigations which do not jeopardize the rights of either the complainant or the person being filed against.

"It is important for investigators to listen very closely," he said. "They learned what constitutes legal discrimination during their training. Now they must listen to people carefully and determine what aspects of an actual

situation meet the legal definition of discrimination," said Stevenson.

Three of the seven are new positions authorized by the 1975 legislature. The new human rights staff includes Sharron M. Hammock, Shari Jones, Mary Ruth Mann, Ahmad Muhammad, Judith H. Palmer, Susan Piper and Reuben Torres. All are presently assigned to the Portland service area.

Property tax referral deadline near

April 1st is the deadline to apply for three property tax reduction programs -- residential deferral, senior citizen's deferral and veteran's exemption, and Oregon Department of Revenue Director John J. Lobdell alerts all qualified taxpayers.

The residential deferral was adopted by the 1975 legislature to reduce property taxes for persons whose homes are located in areas zoned for commercial or industrial land use. If a person's application for the single-family residential assessment is accepted, the land is valued as if it were zoned residential

which generally has a lower tax rate. The special assessment applies to land only, not the buildings.

However, the taxes are merely deferred. When the home is disqualified, such as by transfer of ownership, back taxes are calculated based on the commercial or industrial value of the land at the time of the transfer and at the latest tax rate. This figure is multiplied by the number of years, up to ten, the land was on the special assessment.

The senior citizen's deferral allows persons 62 and over to avoid payment of property taxes as long as they live on the property. Taxes plus accrued interest at

six percent per year must be paid when the property no longer qualifies for the deferral.

Veterans of the Spanish-American, Philippine Insurrection or Boxer Rebellion; certain disabled veterans and widows of veterans may have \$7,500 of their residential property value exempted from taxation. This can provide a substantial tax benefit for veterans and their widows. The reduced taxes do not have to be paid back.

Further information and application forms are available at the offices of county assessors.

Sociologist asks community mental health control

Dr. Thomas J. Scheff, Professor of Sociology at the University of California at Santa Barbara, asked mental health practitioners to advocate community control of mental health services.

Speaking to a symposium on Involuntary Commitment of Persons Adjudged to be Mentally Ill, Dr. Scheff said that if help to persons in emotional crisis were provided by non-professionals in the community, the need for involuntary commitments to mental hospitals would be drastically reduced.

Dr. Scheff advocates the use of non-professionals in treating disturbed persons, with professionals acting as consultants.

"As long as we have professional control of services we will have too little and too few," Scheff said. There is a common belief among legislators that if there are emotional problems supervision

by a medical doctor is required, so community operated projects are not funded.

Scheff said a new system of mental health services must be developed. "We cannot reform the present system -- it is inadequate." In California, patients were removed hospitals and put into care homes, but the quality of services did not improve.

The way to change the system, according to Scheff, is to put lay people in charge. These people, with training would deal with the person in a more honest way. "When people tell what they are feeling there is tension and strain and apprehension, but it gets to the point and clears the air," Scheff believes that lay people would be better able to let persons express emotion and to respond to it.

One model described is the "Blow out center", where persons in severe psy-

chotic trauma can go and be allowed to resolve their experience. They are able to release tension and express emotions without interference.

The most important factor in helping a person in emotional distress is a concerned person -- a person who will listen and not judge. Those people can be non-professionals, volunteers, community people who make themselves available.

Scheff also advocates "peer counseling", a process through which persons learn to know themselves better, through counseling and being counseled. By learning to be a client persons learn what a counselor should be.

Scheff recommended that professionals in the mental health field educate the public to the deficiencies in the current system and help them demand control over this important area.

Party affiliation essential for primary

Don Clark, Chairman of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, today reminded Multnomah County voters that they must be registered as either a Democrat or a Republican to vote for partisan candidates in the Primary election on May 25th. Clark said that he was issuing the reminder because William Radakovich, County Registrar of Elections, reports a significant increase in the number of voters who have registered as being unaffiliated with either major political party.

"There is concern that the new regi-

stration by mail procedure may have caused some confusion because it does not discuss Oregon's closed Primary system," Clark explained.

As of March 8, 1976, the Elections Division reported that 18,138 (or 5.8 percent) of the County's 312,751 registered voters had registered as unaffiliated. This compares to 12,867 (or 4.2 percent) unaffiliated registered voters in the County as of March 1, 1975.

Under Oregon law, if a voter is registered as neither a Democrat or a Republican, he can only vote on ballot

measures and non-partisan candidates in the Primary election. State law also prohibits changing party affiliation within 30 days of the Primary election. Therefore, if voters wish to be affiliated with one of the two major parties they must be so registered by April 25, 1976.

"We don't want people coming to the polls thinking they can vote for partisan candidates, only to discover they cannot because they have registered as unaffiliated," the Chairman stated.

Individuals seeking more information should contact the Multnomah County Elections Office at 248-3720.

NAACP meets

The General Membership Meeting of the NAACP will be Sunday, March 21st at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Hughes United Methodist Church, 111 N.E. Failing.

The speaker according to President Ellis H. Casson, will be Roy Harvey, who will speak on the subject, "Why Depressions Happen -- And How We Stop This One."

Harvey is a journalist. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. and the University of Washington with a M.A. He is the author of two books on Angola. The public is invited to attend.

Job seminar

The Women's Component of the Urban League of greater Portland Labor Education Advancement Program (LEAP) will hold a "Job Awareness in '76" Seminar on March 24, 1976 at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Lloyd Center. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Nellie Fox, political director of Oregon AFL-CIO. The luncheon speaker will be Ms. Fredye Pettit, Administrative Assistant to Mayor Goldschmidt. The seminar runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$10 registration, includes lunch.

Panel participants will include local women in non-traditional positions and several female counselor/recruiters from other LEAP components throughout the United States. The seminar will be divided into groups: 1.) Should Women Train for non-traditional occupations? 2.) Changing employer attitudes in non-traditional areas of employment; and 3.) Opportunities in non-traditional occupations.

Iron door Woman

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birth during a ceremony that includes a feast and give-away. Ka-mook knew that would be impossible for her, so she asked her grandmother to hold the ceremony before the birth.

"They had it Christmas Eve," she said. "They knew she'd be a girl. So when she was born, she had her name already."

The baby was born by cesarean section by Wesley Memorial Hospital in Wichita. "I still thought I might get out on bail," recalled Ka-mook, "so I started to nurse her. But after two days I gave it up because I knew I wasn't going anywhere."

An aunt from Oklahoma arrived to take the infant, to care for her along with the Banks' eighteen month old daughter, Tashina. Ka-mook returned to her jail cell.

Now, finally re-united in San Francisco, Dennis Banks held his daughter Iron Door Woman high over the pulpit at the People's Temple and told the late night assembly, "Your love has moved the iron

Africa policy

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decolonization of the former Portuguese territories demonstrates that minority white rule in Africa is a lost cause. This is not to say that African nations will not have other problems and that vestiges of colonial power will totally disappear. The fighting in the newly independent Spanish Sahara is witness to this reality. But there is no reason to believe that the African continent will not be totally liberated.

And there is a terribly important need for our national Black community and all people of good will to organize and tell our government what kind of policy we favor towards southern Africa. It is not

doors."

But for the ten-week old child, other barred doors loom in the near future. Her mother faces trial in Kansas and in Oregon on charges of possession of firearms. Her father is wanted for sentencing in South Dakota on a conviction of being armed with a dangerous weapon during a riot. (He had picked up a police club from the ground during a demonstration in Custer in 1973.) He is also charged in the firearms case in Oregon with Ka-mook.

Despite the charges, both parents say they're optimistic. "I think it will turn out all right, the case and all," says Ka-mook.

If so, she hopes, she and Dennis and the children will one day return to a place they discovered very far north, "where the Northern lights are south of you." There, in an Indian community where the men and women live off caribou, make clothing from hides and have no electricity or telephones, Iron Door Woman may grow up.

enough to allow Secretary Kissinger to advocate majority rule in Rhodesia in one breath and in the next to utter warlike noises about confronting possible Soviet and Cuban involvement. All that suggests is that our country does not feel capable of stating and making its own decisions regarding a comprehensive policy toward Africa. It says that we can only react to other nations' interests and initiatives, not our own. But finally it says that the lesson of Angola went unheeded...that we can not decide between the options of an aggressively negotiated solution for all parties in southern Africa or the holocaust of meaningless bloodshed.

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