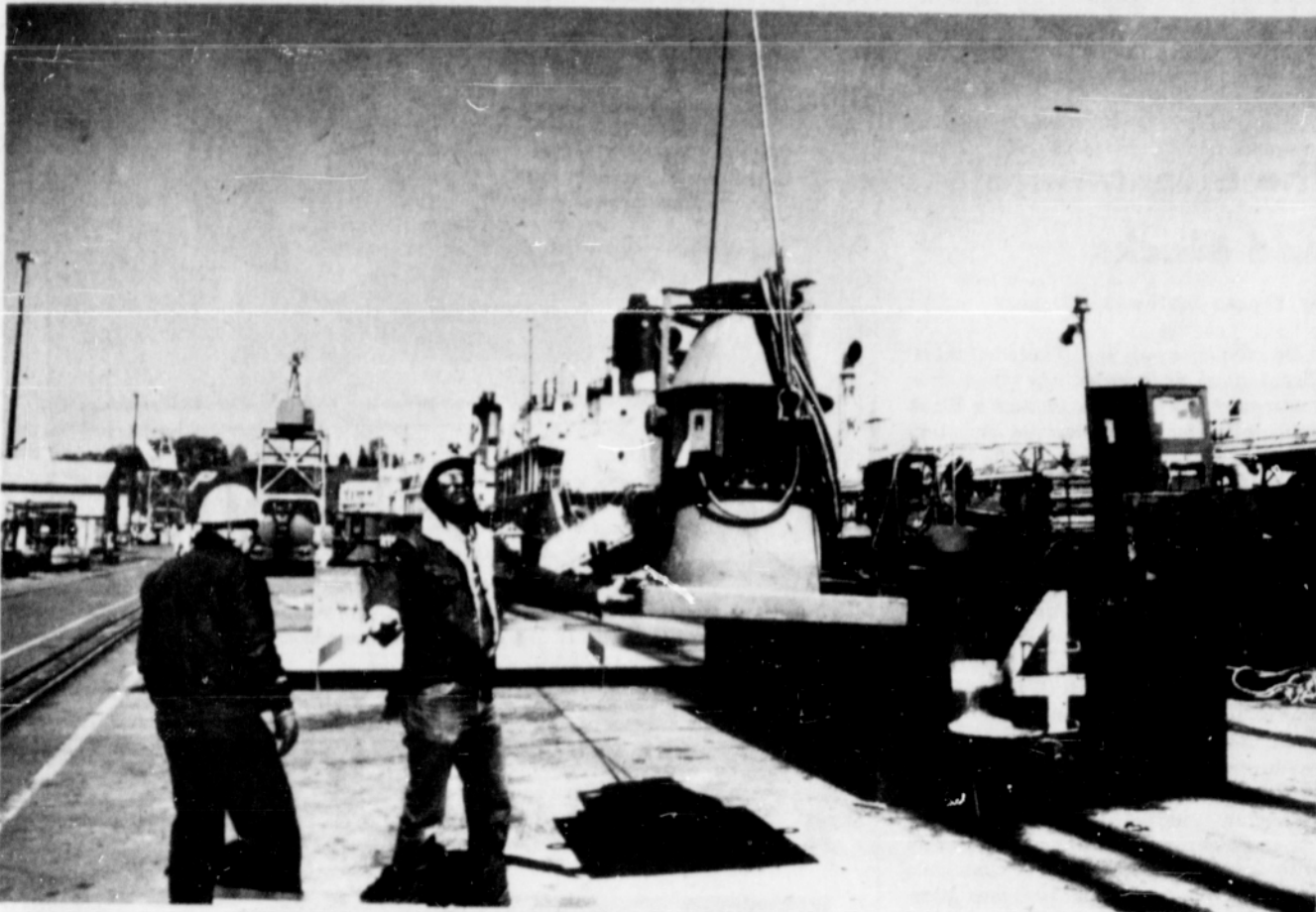


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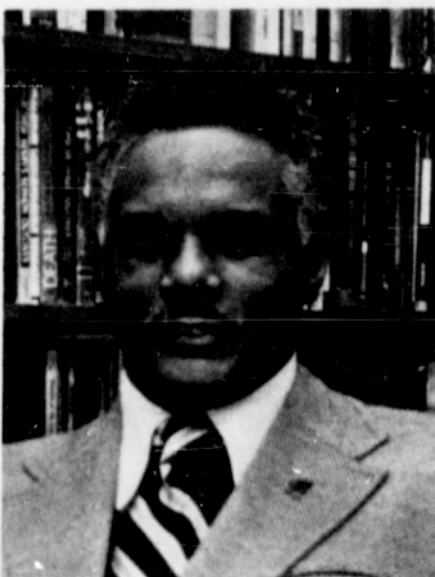
Bright spot in local area economy is Swan Island Ship Repair Yard. Workers such as Bill Young (right) and Cliff Breazile, are being kept busy as every berth in Shipyard is filled with ship or barge. Young and Breazile are aiding in repair of SS Avila under contract to Northwest Marine Iron Works.

Barge Hawaii brings major job to Portland

Larger-sized cargoes will fit on the Barge Hawaii when a revamping job by Dillingham Ship Repair is completed in the Swan Island Ship Repair Yard. Dillingham has begun molding 360,000 pounds of steel it ordered to enlarge the hatch openings and build hatch covers for

the barge. A total of seven hatch covers will be constructed, each to measure about 200 square feet. Widening of the hatch covers will allow the 400 foot long barge to begin carrying containerized cargo. The barge, which arrived from Hono-

lulu, will be in the Ship Repair Yard until the middle of June. Dillingham has about 100 workers on its payroll for the Barge Hawaii project. The barge is owned by Hilo Trading and Transport of Hawaii.



Governor names Casson

Ellis H. Casson, by appointment of Governor Bob Straub, joins the Oregon State Board of Education. The Board of Education is responsible for planning and evaluating public elementary, secondary and community college education. It sets broad policies to guard the local school districts and determines objectives. The board authorizes courses of study, adopts rules for administration, establishes state standards, and receives federal funds.

"I am honored to have received this appointment and look forward to the work ahead," Casson told the *Observer*. "I am especially pleased that Governor Straub sought minority input on the Board." Casson is the first Black to serve

on the Board. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Oregon Senate. Casson is a native of Portland, having graduated from Jefferson High School and Seattle Pacific College. Casson is Regional Director, Office of Civil Rights for Region X of the U.S. Highway Department.

Casson has a long-term interest in education. He is a member of the Superintendents Committee on School Disorders, a member and past chairman of the Area II Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Metropolitan Youth Commission and the Governor's Commission on Youth.

Gilcrease joins U.S. Delegation

Cleveland Gilcrease, executive director of the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee, has been appointed to the United States Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements by Carla Hills, Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The delegation of forty members - mainly government officials - will represent the United States at the 142 nation conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

HABITAT, which will be held from May 31st through June 11th, is designed to allow the nations of the world to express problems and find answers to the problems providing adequate shelter and essential services in coming decades. By the year 2,000 it is anticipated that the world population will increase by three billion people and that, for the first time a majority will be living in urban areas.

"I am greatly pleased to have been chosen to represent the United States at the international conference," Gilcrease told the *Observer*. "It is the kind of honor that comes once in a lifetime."

HABITAT, unlike many conferences, is designed to find answers, not just to pose problems. Secretary General Enrique Penalosa said, "At Vancouver, we will be coming together for a global exchange of ideas, techniques and systems for solving specific problems. The illustrated projects, if they are well chosen, will be the pilot models for the future. And in the years that follow they must be duplicated a hundred and thousand-fold around the world...."

"Above all we must come together prepared to adopt new priorities, prepared to change our past ideas, prepared to cast off absolute institutions, and prepared to discuss rationally the institutions, and prepared to discuss rationally the options, the trade-offs, the sacrifice that may be required to save our civilization...."

Gilcrease was appointed to serve on the 29 member Advisory Committee. Additional persons from the Northwest who will be members of the delegation are: Governor Dan Evans of Washington, Representative; Congressman Les AuCoin, Congressional Advisor; and Phyllis Lamphere, Seattle City Council, advisor.

HABITAT is a major international conference similar to those the UN has held on the environment, population, food and the role of women.



The Afro-American Bicentennial Quilt Club puts finishing touches on quilt showing contributions of Black's. (see page 4)

Observer features Burke column

Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, the first Black woman ever elected to Congress from California, is ready to match her career as a legislator with another one - as a Copley News Service columnist.

Mrs. Burke's weekly column will be a social and political commentary on important events in America. Distributed nationwide by CNS, it will be published in the *Portland Observer* beginning May 27th.

Mrs. Burke came to Congress in 1973 with a legislative background as a member of the California State Assembly representing a Los Angeles district for six years.

Since then the lawyer-lawmaker has introduced measures ranging from aircraft noise abatement to unemployment compensation for displaced housewives.

Watch for Congresswoman Burke's provocative column in the *Portland Observer* beginning May 27th.

Jackson High Band travels to California

Jackson High School's marching band and flag team departed May 24th for a week-long series of concerts in Oregon and California.

George Izzett, instrumental - vocal teacher at Jackson, and 85 students and adult supervisors left by private bus. Leading the band as Drum Major is Spencer Barrett, who is also student body President.

Izzett said the first stop of the tour, entirely financed by private donations

and the students themselves, was a Monday evening concert at Pacific High School in Port Orford, Oregon. The Jackson musicians stayed that night with student hosts.

The tour then took the Jackson students to Redding, California for day-time recreation Tuesday and to Anderson, California on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday, the Jackson students attended music workshops and rehearsals with two other high school bands

before a joint concert that evening in Anderson.

Thursday finds the Jackson musicians traveling to Healdsburg, California (near Santa Rosa) for a marching date in a Future Farmers of America parade.

The Jackson students then will go to San Francisco Friday for sightseeing and a possible concert, following which they will return to Oregon for a scheduled arrival between 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Jackson.

Election results: The joy of victory and the sorrow of defeat

Wally Priestley won a Triple Crown Tuesday night as he retained his seat on the Oregon Legislature and picked up positions on the Portland School Board and the Multnomah County Intermediate Education Board. Priestley defeated Bill Wyatt, son of former Congressman Wendell Wyatt, who moved into District 16 to run against Priestley in a well financed campaign. Priestley, whose radical philosophy has upset the "structure," not only held his own against Wyatt, but defeated Northwest Natural Gas official Paul Howe, incumbent Portland School Board member, and upset frontrunner Attorney Forrest Reike for the IED position.

Senator Bill McCoy, Oregon's only Black legislator, was narrowly defeated by Max Runyon, an electrician from North Portland. McCoy served on the Ways and Means Committee and is currently a sub-committee chairman of the Legislature Committee on Human Resources. The latest count put Runyon ahead by fifty votes.

As the *Observer* goes to press, the absentee ballots for Multnomah County have not been counted, leaving an outside chance that McCoy may have enough votes to pull ahead.

In City races, Mayor Neil Goldschmidt won 53.2 percent of the vote to retain his

position without a runoff in November. Commissioner Charles Jordan piled up a 58.3 percent lead against three minor candidates. Commissioner Connie McCready will face a runoff against John

Lorenz. Jordan said he was extremely happy with the vote and can now turn his attention to city business without the interruption of another election. "There is much that needs to be done in the next four years. We have our work plan and are happy to be able to move forward with it."

In Northeast Portland, Jane Cease handily defeated Cary Jackson and Nick Jones for the Democratic nomination to

House District #18. Ms. Cross a long-time community worker for consumer protection, the environment and women's rights will face incumbent Republican Lloyd Kinsey in the general election.

Stephen Kafoury, 34 year old legislator from Northeast Portland, won a wide margin over State Senator Norm Howard. Kafoury, a former Jefferson and Albina Youth Opportunity School teacher, has made his mark in the legislature the past two years. He is expected to play a leading role in the liberal wing of the Senate.

Gretchen Karoufy, former wife of the new Senator, sought and won the Demo-

cratic nomination to the seat he vacated in the House. Ms. Kafoury, an employee of the State Civil Rights Division, has been an active lobbyist for a variety of concerns including child care, women's rights, consumer rights and environmental problems.

In other North-Northeast races, Dr. Howard Cherry retains his seat in House District #14 against a challenge by Gary Hansen, North Portland community worker. Jim Chrest was unopposed in House District #15 but will face Republican Don Broetje in November. Senator Betty Roberts in Senate District #10 easily defeated her opponent and has no Republican opposition.

State Treasurer Jim Redden easily defeated Attorney Don Willner for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General. Redden won in all of Oregon's 36 counties, to pile up over 60 percent of the vote. On the Republican side, Jim Durham won against three opponents.

Jimmy Carter, Democratic frontrunner for the Presidency, picked up twelve delegate votes in Oregon although he was second to Senator Frank Church who gained twelve.

Carter won three out of six primaries held Tuesday and came in second in three. He exceeded his expectations of garnering 100 delegates.

