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through Black eyes*

A fair for all

The Job Fair being presented Friday and Saturday by PMSC and the Urban League of Portland is unique in many ways.

Many of the thirty or so employers who will participate were in on the planning from the beginning. Others, hearing about the Job Fair, asked to participate.

This Job Fair was planned to offer an opportunity for employers and potential employees to meet. Employers will explain the company's business, the type of jobs, the hiring process. Employees will be able to see the entire range of job possibilities with each company -- from the unskilled to the professional. Many times we forget that even in a highly skilled industry, behind the professional and the technician there are clerical workers, truck drivers, warehouse men, maintenance people, and many other well paid positions.

Potential employees will also have the opportunity to see which companies offer advancement opportunities, training or schooling.

Of even more importance is the opportunity this Job Fair offers the employer to meet unemployed and underemployed people of all skills and potentials. There exists in Portland a vast pool of potential employees -- many of them minorities or low-income people -- some with skills and others eager to learn -- which the average personnel officer never meets. In this Job Fair the two groups will meet and perhaps some of the myths will be dispelled.

Not all of the people who attend the Job Fair will be minorities or poor. All persons -- whether unemployed or looking for a change -- are welcome.

We believe this Job Fair will be a huge success for those looking for an opportunity, but even more for the employers. We congratulate PMSC and the Urban League; Art Dilworth, the Job Fair coordinator; and all the companies that chose to participate. Not all corporations will come to "the ghetto" and meet the poor -- but these are the ones who care.

A welcome visitor

It is not often that Oregon hosts the President of another nation. As we go to press, President Gaafar M. Nimeiri of the Democratic Republic of Sudan, begins his visit.

Sudan is a nation that is divided between Arab/Muslims in the North and Black Africans in the South. The Blacks have long been neglected, but the government is working on its problem.

It was good to see the large number of Blacks included in President Nimeiri's entourage -- the official-delegation, security and the nation's press. We look forward to the day when our President surrounds himself this closely with Blacks and the other minorities of this nation.

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Insults

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law from 1946 to 1955 and has held numerous posts in the British government. In 1972, he was elected President of the prestigious Mont Pelerin Society.

Vickers told the *Observer* that he is

contemplating a suit. "The man not only insulted me, but he insulted the entire Black community."

The Institute, "The Role of Business in Society", is conducted by the Intercolligiate Studies Institute, Inc., and the Ore-

gon Center for Economic Studies, Oregon College of Education, and offers graduate credit at the School of Business of the University of Portland.

The *Observer* was not able to contact Drs. Shenfield and Finster for comment.

A journey to history?

The bicycling group supported by the Portland Public Schools and accompanied by their hard-riding superintendent, Robert Blanchard, is nearing the homestretch of their trip around the State of Oregon.

This has been an educational trip for city kids -- riding across miles and miles of desert, visiting towns with a population of two, seeing acres of wheat, and herds of cattle and sheep. It should give them some idea of the hardships endured by their ancestors who crossed these same mountains and deserts the hard way.

Now they will cycle up the beautiful Oregon coast and see a culture that is entirely different from the one they left.

The ride was a brilliant idea, we have only one regret. If the news stories are true, the young people are accompanied by loud speakers blaring their favorite records. It is too bad they couldn't have experienced only the deep quiet of the desert, the sound of the wind in the trees, the thunder of the surf. They have missed one of the greatest benefits of the wilderness and of the history they are attempting to touch.

Another Point of View

Billions riding on it riding

taken from the *Daily Astorian*

Although the Senate voted to postpone funding of the B-1 bomber, the decision may not survive House-Senate conference committee deliberations. The combined pressure of the military and defense-supported industry will be applied to members of the conference committee and it will be heavy.

It is not so surprising that the Senate decided to postpone until next year making a decision on funding the very expensive B-1 bomber program as is the unrelenting demand of the Pentagon for more bombers and more sophisticated bombers that cost more.

Although there was ample evidence that massive bombing did not bring Germany to her knees in World War II, the bomber enthusiasts disregarded that record and demanded more.

There was another round of it in Vietnam. Massive bombing did not deter the North Vietnamese. They kept on coming. Yet, in the face of that unmistakable evidence, President Nixon was persuaded by the bomber nuts to step up the bombing of North Vietnam and to subject Cambodia to a massive dose of it. The war was not shortened nor were the terms for discontinuing it affected in any way by the bombing.

Senators who voted to take more time to make the decision were persuaded by the undeniable fact that massive bombing will not force an antagonist to surrender and by the immense cost of the B-1 bomber program.

They will need public support to hold their ground. The military industrial establishment will put their feet to the fire. There's billions of dollars riding on what the Congress finally does about the B-1.

Food Stamps

by Yvonne Braithwaite Burke
Congresswoman from California

The first time the woman gave the checker food stamps she was embarrassed. She is a white middle-class suburban housewife. Her home is worth \$30,000. That is, if there were anyone to buy it.

Looks are deceiving. In Michigan, where unemployment in the automobile industry is over ten per cent, there are no buyers for homes. Families of automobile factory workers living on unemployment payments of \$135 per week are grateful for food stamps.

The housewife to whom I was talking had thought that food stamps were available only to the long-term disadvantaged, the culturally deprived, the old or disabled -- or to "welfare chislers". She is none of these. Her husband, however, is unemployed and has been for over a year. She has two small children and has been, until now, a traditional middle-class housewife.

How quickly her situation has changed! Now, keeping the utility bills low is a major family concern. Her grandmother's meat stretching recipes are suddenly very useful. Never did she think she would dread that sign of healthy growth -- outgrown shoes.

But pinching pennies on food, utilities and clothes doesn't make up the difference when you are struggling to keep a family afloat on unemployment checks. Food stamps keep the family eating.

My housewife friend, however, will lose the benefit of food stamps under the administration's proposed changes in the Food Stamp Program.

Under the proposed changes only the families with adjusted gross incomes under the poverty level will be eligible for food stamps. Therefore, an unemployed automobile industry worker who is receiving unemployment benefits of \$135 per week will be receiving more than the established poverty level income and will not receive food stamps. In my opinion, this is a grave injustice to workers who have worked and paid taxes for many years.

In addition, I do not support the changes that will require food stamp recipients to contribute 30 per cent of their adjusted gross income toward the purchase of coupons. Currently families pay an average of less than 25 per cent.

On the other hand, the proposed changes do simplify the certification process and reduce the probability of errors and the spending of program funds associated with such errors. This is certainly commendable.

In my opinion, several clear principles must be incorporated into any reform of the Food Stamp Program.

- These are:
1. Doing away with any need for cash payments to obtain food stamps. Those entitled should be given stamps according to income level. Also, the income level should not be lowered and large families should be protected.
 2. Working families should be protected with a standard deduction of not less

Gates

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inclusion in the Twelfth Edition of the "Dictionary of International Biography - 1976" (London, England). He holds the Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia State College and the Master of Science degree in Public Health from Columbia University's School of Public Health (College of Physicians and Surgeons). He has done additional study at the University of Redlands. He frequently serves as consultant and lecturer for aging workshops.

Also elected was Mother M. Bernadette of New York as the new National President. The diversified leadership of the NCOA Board includes Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania, Mr. Hugh Downs (Author and Lecturer), General John McMahon, Mr. Joe Braswell of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, The Reverend Rudy Sanchez, President of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, Mr. Guyot Frazier (Director of Personnel, Tektronix, Incorporated), and others.

than \$125 per month.

This deduction should be based on what a person actually gets rather than gross income.

3. Receipt of stamps should be based on one's current income status.

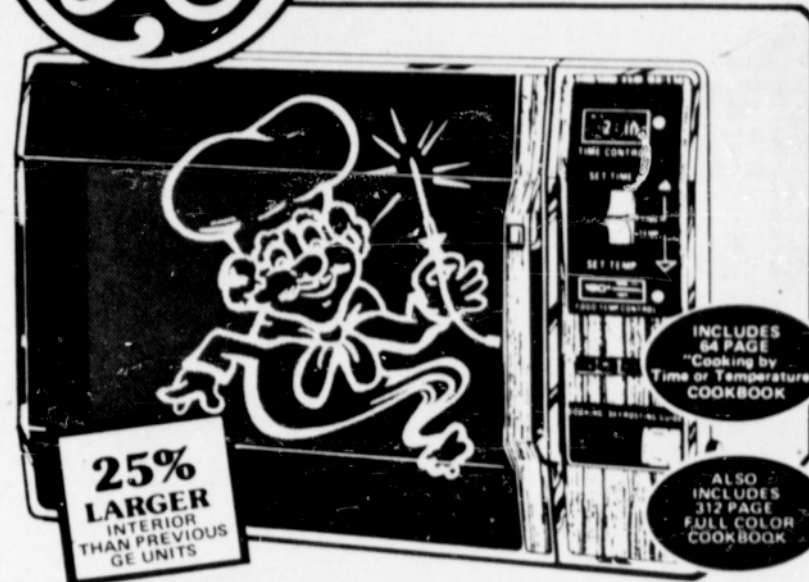
Each of these principles must be

incorporated into an administrative effort that cuts program "red tape" and provides for a "watchdog" to oversee food stamp dispensing organizations. We must insure that the primary benefits of dollars spent on this program go to those receiving the stamps.

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