



New civil rights investigators were welcomed to the Bureau of Labor staff by Labor Commissioner Bill Stevenson this week. They completed an introductory training program and were each assigned approximately 20 cases for investigation. Left to

right: John Chamberlin, Elise Anfield, Barbara Strouther, Max Berg, Randy Harris, Charles Leech, Bill Stevenson. Not pictured are Myra Coblenz, Carol Friedman, Margo Perry, Emline Tavenner and Job Valverde.

Cleaver willing to bury hatchet

by Rob Fruchtman and Carol Blue

(PNS) OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA — Eldridge Cleaver, fighting for release from the California prison system, says he is as politically committed as ever and open to mending the rifts between himself and his former associates.

In an interview conducted prior to last week's court hearing on his petition for release, Cleaver responded positively to former Panther associate Huey Newton's recent statement that he might return to the U.S. from Cuban exile.

"Welcome, welcome," said Cleaver. "At one time I had great admiration and respect for Huey and I'd rather remember him like that. I wish him the best of luck in his present predicament."

Newton, who with Cleaver was at the center of revolutionary ferment in the 1960s, indicated to a visiting American in Havana last month that his rift with Cleaver was an important factor in his decision on whether to return. Newton fled to Cuba in 1974 to avoid a murder charge in Oakland.

The two Panther leaders had split in an internecine political battle in 1971, before the Party had begun to recover from the devastating impact of the FBI's aggressive COINTELPRO operations against it from 1968-70. The split, which left Cleaver — then in exile in Algeria — calling for armed struggle, and Newton in Oakland advocating a new, quieter program of community organizing, culminated in accusations of murder and other crimes between the two factions.

Hundreds of Panthers abandoned the Party for the underground Black Liberation Army. Others, including many in jail who needed legal assistance, were expelled by the Party for their pro-Cleaver views.

With its ranks badly depleted and its leadership divided, the Party remained a political force within its home base of Oakland, but never regained its earlier national stature, leaving the militant Black leadership field virtually vacant. **PRAGMATIC AND INDEPENDENT**

Cleaver's open attitude toward Newton is indicative of what appears to be a pragmatic and aggressive approach to his political future — independent of the Black movement. His comments also belie his recent media image as a flag-waving sartorial dilettante.

"1984," he says, "That's the symbol in my head. After this election we can build victory in 1984."

While bitter about the negative reaction and lack of support shown by his former friends and supporters, Cleaver confidently sees himself taking part in the center of a new progressive movement.

"Tom Hayden and I are talking about the same things," he says, "a national movement — our generation — functioning within the practical political arena, making its bid to become the loyal opposition. We rise up, push the Democrats to the right and the Democrats push the Republicans into the garbage can of history."

"If the Republicans are seriously defeated in November," he adds, "I would say that the Democratic party is pregnant and ready to give birth to a new formation on the left."

Choosing his words with the precision of a practiced politician, Cleaver maintains his non-violent, normal-political-channels program is not a radical departure from the hell-fire rhetoric he brandished like a weapon in the sixties.

"I think in the sixties we — the Panthers — wrote an historic chapter in

American history," he says. "It's to our credit and I'm proud. Someday people will appreciate the sacrifices we made. I made sacrifices then and I'm making them now."

"Today," he adds, "the tactics have changed, although the goal has always been the same — to bring the American reality closer to the dream."

Cleaver bristles at any suggestion that he has abandoned the causes that he and thousands of other Blacks have fought and been jailed for. Asked about his commitment to the prison movement he responded with surprise, "You have to realize that I grew up in prisons and jails. There's no question that I will continue to work in and for the prison movement when I am out of jail."

NO TRIAL DATE

Meanwhile, the start of Cleaver's trial for a 1968 Oakland police-Panther shootout is nowhere in sight, though chances of his release on bail brightened last week when Judge Spurgeon Avakian indicated he would probably order a parole hearing within 30 days.

Cleaver is currently held on charges of violating parole from a nine-year imprisonment that ended two years before the Oakland shootout. If freed from the parole hold, Cleaver will be eligible for bail on the shootout charge.

But Cleaver recently lost his biggest asset when Boston author/attorney George V. Higgins begged off the case, claiming travel difficulties and differences in trial strategy.

Cleaver is currently making bids to prominent left-leaning Bay Area attorneys Pat Hallinan, Howard Moore, Sheldon Otis and Frank Martin McGinnis. In a surprise move, Quentin Kopp, conservative head of San Francisco's board of

Seminar aids vets

A seminar to teach Vietnam veterans how to get the jobs they want will be held in Portland, Tuesday, August 10th, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Pacific Power & Light Auditorium, 920 S.W. 6th Ave.

Harry Godges, director of the Portland office of the National Alliance of Businessmen, said the seminar will offer Vietnam veterans an opportunity to learn from businessmen and employment experts how to get the jobs and information they want.

"Young veterans returning to the job market need to know more about self-marketing skills, job options and opportunities," Godges said. "At the seminar we will show them how and where to go for jobs and employment counseling, how to prepare a resume, how to go into business for yourself, and veterans benefits and programs that can help them in their pursuit of a career."

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Citizen of the Week



James O. Brooks, executive director of the Urban League of Portland, is a native of Greenville, Mississippi, but came to Portland as a child. He attended Holiday Elementary and Washington High School in Portland.

Brooks earned three degrees at the University of Portland: BS in Zoology in 1963; BA in Sociology in 1966; and MA in Education in 1971.

He became executive director of the Urban League on January 1st, 1974, but previously held several other positions including: Deputy Director and Director of the Field Office; Director of Project Outreach, Director of Community Services; Field Representative for OJT Project, and Employment Specialist.

Previously he had been employed by the Portland Public Schools, Portland Development Commission (ANIP) and the Multnomah County Juvenile Court. He taught sociology at Marylhurst College.

Brooks is active in community service, among his committee assignments being Portland Manpower Planning Council, Housing Authority of Portland Board of Commissioners, and Advisory Committee for PPS Tith VII, and Board of Trustees for OMSL.

He and his wife Beris have two children, Geoffrey and Cynthia.

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Marine mammals killed by man

People — not the sea — are responsible for killing nearly one-third of the marine mammals which wash up onto Oregon beaches each year.

Richard Stroud, a research associate in Oregon State University's School of Veterinary Medicine, said fishermen, angry with sea mammals stealing fish from their nets and off their lines, probably are responsible for shooting the animals, even though harming marine mammals is illegal.

"Both seal and sea lion populations are

increasing and becoming more of a problem to fishermen, especially in places like the Rogue River and the Columbia River," Stroud said. "More animals mean more conflict with man because seals and sea lions are predators of fish which man may want to harvest."

Stroud determines the cause of death of any whales, dolphins, seals or sea lions found dead on Oregon shores each year. His necropsies — the animal world's equivalent of an autopsy — are performed either on the beach if the animal is too large or too deteriorated to be moved, or

at Oregon State University's Veterinary Medicine Animal Isolation Laboratory near Corvallis.

Some rare animals — including a Risso's dolphin and a rare beaked whale — have washed ashore during the three years Stroud has been performing necropsies, but the majority of the 20-25 dead sea mammals investigated each year are harbor seals and Stellar's sea lions, both common in the state's coastal waters.

Although gunshot wounds cause 30-40 per cent of the marine mammals deaths each year, they are not the only reason why the animals die.

Parasites are the second most prevalent cause of marine mammal deaths. Stomach nematodes and lung worms are common in seals and sea lions and are especially dangerous in younger animals.

Then come bacterial diseases which sometimes are transmittable to humans or domesticated animals.

"Leptospirosis can be transmitted to humans or domesticated animals and San Miquel sea lion virus is similar to a very economically important swine disease," said Stroud, an Agricultural Experiment Station researcher.

Last on the list of death causes are accidents.

"Last year, one adult harbor seal and one Stellar sea lion died from internal injuries after they fell from rocks. We also had a case of a whale being run over by a boat," the Oregon State University researcher said.

State police usually are the first to tell Stroud of a dead animal on the beach. Then, often accompanied by Bruce Mate, a marine mammalogist from Oregon State University's Marine Science Center in Newport, Stroud visits the site and determines whether the animal can be moved or whether the necropsy must be performed on the spot.

During the necropsy, Stroud determines the probable cause of death and takes measurements of the animal. Stomach contents, reproductive tracts, skulls, skeletal materials from the animals are taken if possible for examination by other scientists.

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