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Far fetched claim

Affirmative action and minority enterprise plans are receiveing close scrutiny in recent months as white males are coming to the conclusion that these plans discriminate against them. Some detractors base their claims on "discrimination" against white males and others on the possibility that affirmative action might cause greater hastility by whites toward minorities.

Affirmative action and minority enterprise plans would never have been necessary if minorities had not been the victicms of discrimination. The ony reason some companies are having problems meeting minority requirements now is that they kept minorities out of their work forces until forced to let them in -- so it will take some time and effort to make up for lost time.

A personnel man from the U.S. Department of Interior was recently overheard to remark that his department's minority work force is so small that he has to hire more minorities than he would like -- and he feels sorry about having to pass over some white applicants who are equally qualified. Of course, if the Interior Department had provided equal opportunity for minorities all of these years, they would have a suitable number of minority employees.

For those who say affirmative action is causing white hostility -- the logic is never to do what is right if it is not popular. Using this logic, we would still be slaves. Civil rights have never been awarded by a vote of the people -- even Portland tried that and failed

More basic is the question of whether white males can claim they are discriminated against because of race. Black citizens and other minorities can easily prove that they are members of groups that were and are the objects of hatred and discrimination.

No white American can legitimately make that claim

We see the world through Black eyes

Some justice yet?

Attorney General Griffin Bell has ordered the FBI to make a "very active, high priority" investigation into the case of the Wilmington 10.

The Wilmington 10 are one Black man, Ben Chavis, eight Black youths and a white woman who were convicted of joining in the firebombing of a white-owned grocery store in a Black neighborhood during a period of racial violence in Wilmington, North Carolina six years ago.

The disturbance began with a protest by Black students who were not allowed to commemorate the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther Kina.

Violence centered around a Congregational church used as a headquarters for the protesters. The church was besieged by white night-riders shooting up the Black neighborhood. The white pastor called in Ben Chavis, an advocate of non-violence, to provide leadership for the Black youth. Throughout the days and nights of violence the city had refused to intervene.

Chavis and the others were convicted of planning and carrying out the burning and other violence. Children who testified at the trial have since stated that they were coached in their testimony and were bribed by law enforcement officials. The case has been of particular interest because of the denial of civil rights of the defendents, trial irregularities, and an atmosphere of violence during the trial.

Now Bell has, at the request of Representative John Conyers and others, ordered an FBI investigation.

This, along with Bell's statement that an inquiry into the murder of Dr. King should include an interview with his confessed killer, James Earl Ray, is a good sign. Although he confessed guilt, Ray has intimated that a conspiracy existed and he was sentenced without the usual full explanation of the crime

Perhaps the Justice Department will yield some justice yet.

Letters to the Editor

Death penalty political tool

Dear Sir:

Concerning "Lawyers Know Better". Thursday, February 17, 1977. What about the National Bar Association and teh National Conference of Black Lawyers? We would like their views concerning the Death Penalty.

Concerning the ABA, Brother Malcolm once said, "You cannot expect your enemy to give you the tools to liberate yourself." Any Student of history, is in Amerika. Many so-called caucasian Authorities are unaward of the fact, that hate and prejudice are versatile forces that can degrade the constitutional scheme. Those caucasians who are not for the abolishment of the Death Penalty. may open a veritable Pandora's Box in

No one would disagree, all poor people who confront the Amerikan legal Juggernaut are political prisoners. It's the political decision of this system that Third World people should get the short end of the strick. Overt forms of racism against Third World people support a Black people were executed, to 1,751 system of exploitation and before Third caucasoids. Four-hundred and five Black World people can participate in the men were executed for rape, as compared

from the law of caucasoid Amerika which, by its intention and by the very nature of the cultural values which determined it is

imical to Blackness. More Black than caucasoids have been executed in the United States - and this does not include lynchings, "self-defense" or police killings. From 1930 - 1969, 2066

Equity in social security

by Yvenne Brathwaite Burke

Disbelief and shock wracked her mind and hody. She had just been told by a patient, sympathetic government clerk that she was not eligible for Social Security benefits. The clerk explained that had her marriage lasted 20 years rather than 19 years and six months she

would have qualified. A Social Security check is precious little upon which to live. But after years of working in the home, fulfilling a role to which our society accords much praise, to be left standing in a Social Security office with nothing, no income whatsoever, is understandably devastating. It happens

every day. The Social Security law, written in 1935, is based on the assumption that women work in the home and that marriages last forever. Such is not the

At present, almost five out of every 10 women have outside jobs. They make up 40 percent of the nation's work force. And since 1950, there has been a 41 percent increase in widows and 166 percent rease in divorces. In 1973 there were 3.25 million divorced women in the United States.

ACLU awards announced

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon will honor ten persons for significant contributions to the cause of individual freedom.

Eric W. Allen, Jr., editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, will receive a Civil Liberties Award for his contribution to public understanding of constitutional issues through his editorials over a period of many years.

Senators Elizabeth W. Browne, Edward N. Fadeley, Stephen Kafoury, Frank Roberts and Representative Vera Katz will be recognized for their dedica-ted support of the rights of individuals in the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Dean Wilson, Molalla High School Social Studies teacher, will be honored for his courage in resisting hostile community reaction to his having invited speakers of diverse political views to address his Political Science class. He and one of his students successfully challenged in U.S. District Court as an infringement of their First Amendment rights a decision by the Molalla School

Board to ban all political speakers from the school.

Awards will also be presented to Terrence J. Hammons, James P. Harrang and Leslie M. Swanson, Jr., Eugene Cooperating Attorneys who have been involved for over twelve years in litigation to challenge, as a violation of the

Mc Donald

(Continued from page 1 col. 6) McDonald was promoted to foreman, a position he held for 19 years before oved up to Night

Being considered by Congress are visions of the Social Security law that ould establish a new system of record keeping. It would enable both partners in a marriage to develop their own individ-ual wage records for Social Security purposes.

This legislation, called the Equity in Social Security for Individuals and Fami-ties Act, assumes that the work in the home has economic value.

Under this system, if only one spouse worked in employment covered by Social Security, both spouses would be credited with an equal portion of that wage. The Social Security record of the spouse in noncovered employment is not dependent upon the length of the marriage, as it is today. Upon dissolution of the marriage. each spouse has an independent Social Security record that is unaffected.

Each partner's Social Security record is computed annually. The proposal creates portability in Social Security records. Partners may marry, be widow-ed, divorce or remarry without losing benefits. Their personal records follow them throughout their lives.

There are also provisions under this act

The awards will be presented by Charles F. Hinkle, Chaiperson of the

The program will include a report from

the Chairperson of the ACLU's legisla-tive Committee, Charles R. Williamson,

on the Status of civil liberties bills in the

The awards will be presented at a

dinner meeting, March 14th at the Keg

A buffet dinner will be served at 7:30

PM with the program beginning at 8:15.

The dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30. Reservations for dinner should be made by March 10 with the ACLU office, telephone 227-3186.

Notice

The New Hope Missionary Baptist

Church, located at 3725 North Ganten-bein Avenue will hold tis Annual Pastors

Aide Program on Thursday, March 10th

at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 11th at 7:30

p.m. and Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m.

The guest speaker is Reverend Jody Staruther of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Rev-

erend A. Bernard Devers, pastor, invites

the public to attend."

and Platter Restaurant in Salem

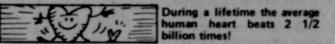
MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Motor Vehicles & Mounting Dump Boxes bids due March 28, 1977 9:00 a.m. Bid # B 06-200-3308. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Purchases, 2505 SE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97202 for Three (3) Truck Cabs & Chassis, Two (2) Club Cab Pickups, One (1) Pickup, Mounting two (2) Dump Boxes and Pumps, & One (1) Dump Box & Hydraulic Pump on Trucks.

as per specifications on file with the Purchasing Director. No bid will be received or considered unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder as part of his bid that the requirements of subsec-tion (4) ORS 279.350 shall be included, Multnomah County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications may be ob-tained at the Purchasing Section, 2505 SE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97202

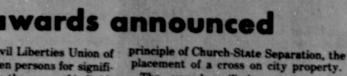
> R.W. Tydeman **Purchasing Director**



for widow's benefits for women between 50 and 60 years of age who are left with no other income. It will provide a minimum income to the newly widowed homemaker to sustain her during the period she is adjusting to her new life situation. The benefits are phased out as the widow is able to join the labor

> The tie of the widow's benefit with the services of the displaced homemakers centers proposed in legislation I intro-duced is obvious and natural. The Displaced Homemakers Act recognizes the problems faced by the increasing mber of women who find they must enter the job market after having spent the major portion of their lives as memakers. It would establish multipurpose centers to help these women ne self-sufficient, productive members of the labor force.

For women who are left alone, after a life as a homemaker, to find their way into the job market, these two bills can make the difference. It may mean whether or not a woman becomes self-supporting. It is a lifeline that benefits



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ended. No Black or poor person should be for fall victim to forcible rape and robbery

the Death Penalty. Black people cannot and about twice as likely to face burglary be protected by Amerikan law, for we and aggravated assault. have no franchise in this country. If anything, we suffer double indemnity; we have no law of our own and no protection

Mother of the Year

(Continued from page 1 col. 4) is a member of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. Mrs. Payne is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, and she belongs to the NAACP.

In 1976 she served as Northeast apartments director for United Way, a volunteer position. United Way funds ninetytwo social service agencies in the metropolitan area.

She is the Co-founder of Parents of Air Force Academy Cadets and Graduates and has been affiliated with many other organizations including: Citizens for Interracial Understanding, Oregon's Literacy. Incorporated and Oregon Girl's Conference Advisory Board.

"I enjoyed my children when they were growing up. We did so many things together and I can remember so many things they did when they were young

and as they were growing up. We have fun about those things now and I would advise any mother to do everything she can with her children, because the things that they do when they are young, they will never do again. Those are very pleasant, precioius, happy memories, to remember the little things they are doing, because to them they are big

things in their lives. In a mother's life they are big things too, because she sees them growing and she knows how they were at different stages, and you learn to love them more at every stage."

"A mother is not just a mother to her own children. She is a mother to other children, too. . . I don't have any small children at home, but I still have children. I still have the pleasure of my young friends "

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Holmes

the program.

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Development Division, where his mother Mrs. Yvonne Webster has taught for

several years. He expected the job to be

temporary, but became very involved in

As Social Service Supervisor, Holmes

About his responsibilities as Social Service Supervisor, Holmes said, "My

iggest goal is to really build this

department up and make people realize

that somebody is concerned and some-

body is involved in the parent problems

and child problems, somebody who wants to make it work."

If "Black Businessman" will supply his

name and address we will be glad to print

his letter. We cannot print anonymous

Dr. Jamil Cherovee Field Dr. For (CORE)

tendant in 1969. During that time, the Dellingham Corporation of Hawaii bought out Albina Engine and Repair Works and McDonald became a member of a corporate family that includes nineteen major companies and, currently, the largest shopping center in the world, the Ata Moana hopping Center in Hawaii. McDonald is a member of the AFL-CIO

Laborer's International Union Local 296 the Portland Chapter of the NAACP, and he is vice president of the Paris, Texas Club in Portland. When he isn't supervising the late shift sand blasting, painting and repairing ships engines, propellars and hulls on Swan Island, he is at his 4319 N.E. Cleveland home with his wife of 32 years, Lois McDonald.

Although he has earned himself a good life after years of hard work and dedication, he hopes for young Blacks to do even better, faster. "I'd like to see them go on to ollege, get an education and be prepared for the good jobs-the top notch jobs-instead of starting out at the bottom like I But for those who are more nterested in the trades, like in the shipping industry, he feels their opportuni-ties will improve greatly with the advent of the new drydock facilities at Swan Island which would not only allow for the mainenance and repair of newer and larger ships like the "Supertankers", but would provide a boon to the economy of the greater Portland community as well.

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This group will investigate and act on the problems facing women who work for large corporations in Portland, and in Third World counties.

> Contact: Susan Dobrof **American Friends Service Committee** 235-8954





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