



We see the world through Black eyes

### Far fetched claim

Affirmative action and minority enterprise plans are receiving 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 hostility by whites toward minorities.

Affirmative action and minority enterprise plans would never have been necessary if minorities had not been the victims of discrimination. The only 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.

### 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 the 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 aware of this Double Standard of Justice in Amerika. Many so-called caucasian Authorities are unaware 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 Oregon.

No one would disagree, all poor people who confront the American legal Juggernaut are political prisoners. It's the political decision of this system that Third World people should get the short end of the stick. Overt forms of racism against Third World people support a system of exploitation and before Third World people can participate in the system these overt racist policies must be ended.

No Black or poor person should be for the Death Penalty. Black people cannot be protected by American law, for we have no franchise in this country. If anything, we suffer double indemnity; we have no law of our own and no protection

from the law of caucasoid Amerika which, by its intention and by the very nature of the cultural values which determined it is inimical 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 Black people were executed, to 1,751 caucasoids. Four-hundred and five Black men were executed for rape, as compared to 48 caucasoids during the same period. Blacks are about four times as likely to fall victim to forcible rape and robbery and about twice as likely to face burglary and aggravated assault.

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Dr. Jamil Cherovee  
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#### Holmes

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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 the program.

As Social Service Supervisor, Holmes about his responsibilities as Social Service Supervisor, Holmes said, "My biggest goal is to really build this department up and make people realize that somebody is concerned and somebody 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 letters.

### 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 King.

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 defendants, 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.

### Equity in social security

by Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

Disbelief and shock wracked her mind and body. 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 case today.

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 1960, there has been a 41 percent increase in widows and 166 percent increase in divorcees. In 1973 there were 3.25 million divorced women in the United States.

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

This legislation, called the Equity in Social Security for Individuals and Families 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 widowed, divorce or remarry without losing benefits. Their personal records follow them throughout their lives.

There are also provisions under this act

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 market.

The tie of the widow's benefit with the services of the displaced homemakers centers proposed in legislation I introduced is obvious and natural. The Displaced Homemakers Act recognizes the problems faced by the increasing number of women who find they must enter the job market after having spent the major portion of their lives as homemakers. It would establish multipurpose centers to help these women become 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 all.

### 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. Fodeley, Stephen Kafoury, Frank Roberts and Representative Vera Katz will be recognized for their dedicated 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

principle of Church-State Separation, the placement of a cross on city property.

The awards will be presented by Charles F. Hinkle, Chairperson of the ACLU of Oregon.

The program will include a report from the Chairperson of the ACLU's legislative committee, Charles R. Williamson, on the Status of civil liberties bills in the Oregon Legislature.

The awards will be presented at a dinner meeting, March 14th at the Keg and Platter Restaurant in Salem.

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 10th with the ACLU office, telephone 227-3186.

### Notice

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, located at 3725 North Gantenbein Avenue will hold its 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. Reverend A. Bernard Devers, pastor, invites the public to attend.

#### 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 subsection (4) ORS 279.350 shall be included. Multnomah County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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

R.W. Tydemann  
Purchasing Director

### Mc Donald

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McDonald was promoted to foreman, a position he held for 19 years before being moved up to Night Shift Superintendent 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 Shopping 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, propellers 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 college, get an education and be prepared for the good jobs--the top notch jobs--instead of starting out at the bottom like I did." But for those who are more interested in the trades, like in the shipping industry, he feels their opportunities will improve greatly with the advent of the new drydock facilities at Swan Island which would not only allow for the maintenance 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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