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"If we must die, let it not be like hogs. Hunted and penned in an unglorious spot " Claude McKay.

I have a Dream . . . That some time during the first week in July a Black man, who is the national director, and his executive staff will walk through the last set of barred gates to meet a group of people dressed in denim blue clothing who have been patiently awaiting his arrival.

And from among that group of people will step forward a person to greet the Black director with a strong and firm handshake saying, "Good afternoon, Mr. Hooks. May we welcome you and the national committee of the NAACP to the Oregon State Penitentiary."

Benjamin L. Hooks is the Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The oldest and largest civil rights organizations in America.

Over the past five months, a group of prison inmates belonging to the O.S.P. Law Class, have been working diligently to make this dream become a reality. Upon hearing that Portland had been chosen as the city to host the national convention of the NAACP on July 3rd-7th, the inmates wrote to Mr. Hooks asking him to visit their institution. The prisoners gathered over 300 signatures from the 1,500 population in support of the letter. Since then, they have coordinated with many other prisons throughout the states of Washington and California, so they might represent those prisoners at the meeting. With the help of the

O.S.P. personnel and staff the prisoners have been able to work out a luncheon and a half-day workshop from 12:00-4:00 p.m. to accommodate their nationally known visitors.

The prisoners have also received copies of letters written to Mr. Hooks in support of their request by several Oregon State Senators, Representatives, a Multnomah County Commissioner candidate, many Circuit Court Judges and Attorneys from throughout the State, business leaders of many communities, all three local NAACP Branches, churches and civil organizations and agencies representing the Governor's Office.

They were fortunate to acquire the volunteer services of Berna Plummer, Multnomah County Affirmative Action Director, and Evelyn Collins, Grace Collins Memorial Center, as "outside coordinators" to help achieve these prisoners efforts.

"Since the Mountain cannot go to Moses, Moses must go to the Mountain."

Collectively Blacks and whites have worked hard planning this occasion, because they believe Hooks' visit to O.S.P. will show that the NAACP is very much concerned about the overcrowded prisons and jails in America.

Oregon has the unique distinction of having 16.4 percent Black population of incarcerated prisoners in a state that has only slightly over one percent Black in its population.

Since the NAACP was founded in 1909, many of these prisoner's foreparents have contributed to the goals and achievement that this organization

has accomplished through the years and there is a strong belief that Hooks will help in the struggle to solve this nations penal problems, too.

These prisoners have decided not to base their topics during the workshop upon the treatment and conditions of this prison, but to focus the attention toward such subjects as better representation within the courts prior to their conviction, and social acceptance and adjustment back into the community upon their release. Discrimination can come in all forms. As once stated by W.E.B. DuBois, "If you cut off the head and the tail, then the body will surely die."

Punishment will never be equally distributed within our criminal justice system in this nation. Neither can it be used as an excuse to deter crime or to rehabilitate. But neither should punishment be used as a tool, for a mental and physical form of genocide, within our criminal justice system.

It is anticipated that over 10,000 members will attend the NAACP National Convention. Among the discussions will be "what to do about prisoners within our penal systems."

So it will be valuable for Hooks and the NAACP to accept our invitation, for what purer source of information can anyone obtain to answer the above question, but this group of prisoners?

"Oh, I must search for wisdom every hour,
Deep in my wrathful bosom sore and raw,
And find in it the superman power,
To hold me to the letter of your law!"

Claude McKay

NAACP watches California tax-cut results

"Black people voted against Proposition No. 13 because we clearly understand the jeopardy in which our jobs and gains are placed. Further we understand the underlined racism and fear of the majority who voted for Proposition No. 13. These short-sited majority seek to make minorities, poor and disabled their scapegoats," said Verna Canson, director of the Western Region, NAACP.

Angry voters lashed out at programs to help the poor, aging, disabled and above all Black persons. Black people have witnessed the same faces and forces cheering triumphantly at the passage of Propositions No. 13 and 21. These initiatives expressed the antagonism of the majority toward fair housing and integrated education. NAACP met challenges of both these initiatives and will meet the challenge of Proposition No. 13 in California.

The NAACP calls upon the public, legislative, state agencies, cities, counties, school districts to assure that Blacks, other minorities and the poor do not bear the brunt of the passage of Proposition No.13. The plan of action includes:

- (1) NAACP will monitor cutbacks;
- (2) The NAACP is forming a special task force of highly qualified persons to serve as resources to local branches;
- (3) The NAACP calls upon the State Board of Education and Dr. Wilson Riles to join in an intensive drive for teacher accountability measured by student achievements. The luxury of no accountability, no evaluation, excessive administrative cost lock in employment advantages and guaranteed raises must be ended so that scarce resources go first to children;
- (4) The luxury of school boards wasting millions of dollars fighting their con-

stitutional duty to desegregate the schools must cease forthwith; (5) The NAACP calls upon the State Treasury Secretary for services and other regulatory heads to give an account of the dollars in taxes saved by corporations and the degree to which savings are being transmitted to the consumer.

The NAACP is seeking an audience with Governor Brown, the Speaker of the Assembly, President Pro-Tem of the Senate, the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees to set forth our demands for equity and fairness.

Should these efforts of persuasion fail, the NAACP will initiate legal action. NAACP's primary role is the same today as in the days of its founding, more than 68 years ago.

NAACP's goal is elimination of evil, of racism, and protection of the rights of minorities.

Now is time to 'burglar-proof' home

by William N. Wray

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, a burglar will have broken into a home somewhere and started his swift, skilled search for its valuables. Some two-million homes were burgled last year, and the losses totaled a billion dollars.

There is no way to guarantee your home won't be the next statistic, but you can do more than just hope. The average burglar is looking for a target that he can get into quickly, easily and

safely. If you can convince him that your house or apartment isn't in that category you stand a better chance of avoiding a burglary.

The first thing a burglar notices is the lock on your door. Even the most amateur burglar knows that many doors are secured with cheap locks that can be slipped open with a credit card or piece of celluloid. Others can be yanked out or easily picked. An interlocking deadbolt rimlock, which screws to the inside of your door, is a good investment.

Investing in a good lock doesn't do any good if the door itself isn't secure. A burglar won't bother with the lock if he can kick in a hollow-core door for entry. Old-fashioned panel doors or window areas near the door lock also provide easy entry. A good, solid-wood door will discourage a burglar, and in high-crime areas you should consider a steel door.

Windows can provide another easy access route for the would-be burglar. A thin steel bar inserted between the sashes of double-hung windows will knock out the standard catch in seconds, and sliding glass doors and windows can usually be pried out of their tracks. You can make the burglar's job tougher by installing locks that wedge as well as bolt these vulnerable areas.


Still, a determined burglar can eventually force his way into any building. Here your last line of defense is a burglar alarm system. No thief wants to hang around with a piercing alarm bell or siren going off — the chances of getting caught are just too high. Perimeter alarm systems protect doors and windows with magnetic contact switches that trigger the alarm when tampered with. Interior protection can consist of movement detectors as well as pressure sensitive mats concealed under carpeting.

Many homeowners have evaluated the replacement cost of their furnishings, jewels, clothes, art or elaborate sound systems and decided their protection is worth the additional expense of having a burglar alarm system installed.

You don't have to be the helpless victim of a burglary. Take the time and effort now to shore up any weak point in your home's defenses. Make it tough for a burglar to get into your home, and the chances are he won't even try.

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Public funds are not available this year to provide these services to the elderly; therefore, the City-County Commission on Aging strongly encourages volunteers from church and civic groups and other concerned citizens to go out and help their older neighbors with this work.

The need is great. Hundreds of senior citizens throughout the city and county have already requested this assistance. A little time and energy would be greatly appreciated.

For more information call an area senior center or the City-County Commission on Aging, 248-3960.

Workshop explores Tut

Mount Hood Community College is offering short lecture series about Egypt and related areas as a supplement to the King Tutankhamun Exhibit scheduled for Seattle this summer.

The series will be offered June 23rd and 30th, and July 7th and 14th. Each Friday lecture will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Mall Theater on the Gresham campus.

The series will introduce background information about the young king, the history of Egypt, and the Carter Expedition. Slides will be shown of art objects and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Cost of the presentations is \$2 per each lecture or \$3 per each series of two lectures and advance reservations are necessary. Also, the college has made arrangements with the lecturer to make presentations to groups off campus.

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4. Persons afflicted with the disease of alcoholism are often the last to recognize or to accept their problem.

Five to ten percent (5% - 10%) of the employed population are in trouble with alcohol. In a large proportion of these cases, the problem has existed for five to seven years before becoming so obvious that action is required. Alcoholism has been identified by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the number one public health problem in the U.S.A. Only three percent (3%) of these alcoholics are on skid row, the other ninety-seven percent (97%) are found in homes, offices and factories.

Alcoholism turns out to be the billion dollar headache. Alcoholism costs industries \$15,000,000,000.00 (fifteen billion dollars), not to mention human suffering to the alcoholic himself, his family and his employer. Much of the inferior workmanship in many of our domestic products and services may be due directly or indirectly to the disease of alcoholism.

Many companies are dealing with this difficult and complex problem; from their experiences we get the following profile:

He/she is likely to be 38 to 56 years old; an employee of fairly long service in whom the company has a considerable investment especially if he/she is in the executive ranks.

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The House of Exodus was incorporated on the 9th day of August, 1977, in the State of Oregon as a non-profit corporation for the sole purpose of establishing an alcoholism educational and treatment center. The goals are to improve the health, physical and mental well-being of its clientele. The primary objective is to educate and treat, through counseling and other supportive activities, persons afflicted with the disease of alcoholism. Secondly, our objective is to further research the social and metabolic effects of alcoholism and other substance addictives in order to find causes, cures and preventive controls.

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