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Thurgood Marshall, now a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and his staff of NAACP Lawyers implored the Supreme Court to end racial segregation in public schools. Marshall further argued that Black children ought to be able to enjoy constitutionally guaranteed rights immediately, rather than at some distant time in the future. Some 24 years have passed since the United States Supreme Court, in the now famous *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional because separate facilities were inherently unequal.

The pursuit of the enjoyment of constitutionally guaranteed rights is one of many social, political, and economic reforms championed by the NAACP over its 69 year history and this pursuit is continuing at the 69th National Annual NAACP Convention convening in the City of Portland July 3-7, 1978.

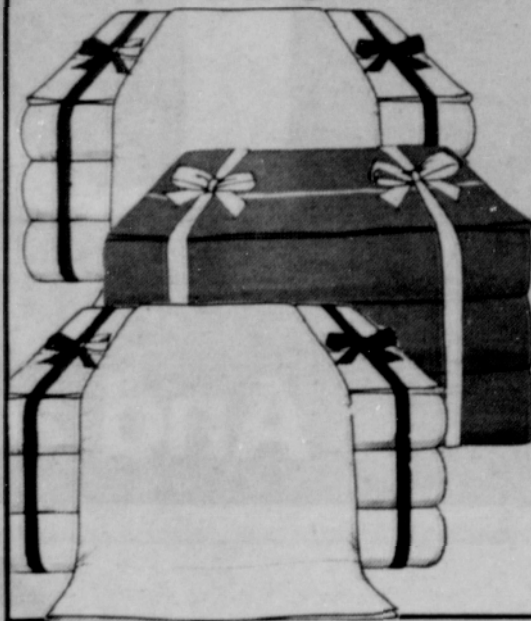
The Portland Chapter of the NAACP, Convention Planning Committee, Blue Ribbon Committee, churches, citizens, and a host of organizations have diligently labored over the past several months planning the many programs and activities designed to ensure a successful convention. We can be a part of this success by participating in convention programs addressing the many critical issues that will directly impact Black lives across the nation. We must not only participate in these programs, we must continue the pursuit of the enjoyment of constitutionally guaranteed and other rights " . . . Till Victory is Won."

Commissioner Charles Jordan

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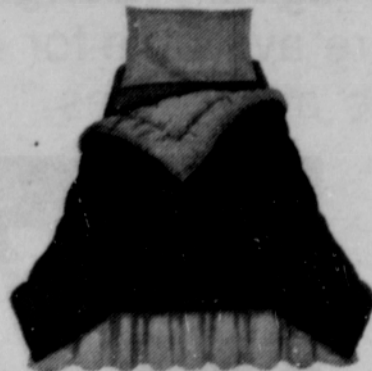
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