



MARLAINA KINER



JOSEPH STRIPLING

HUD names new staff members

George J. Roybal, Regional Administrator, Region X, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, has appointed as Regional Counsel, Marlaina Kiner who, for the past seven and one-half years, has been Director, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She is the only Black woman Legal Counsel in the ten Regions of the department.

Joseph A. Stripling, Jr. was appointed to the position of Labor Relations Officer for Region X of HUD. He is the first Black labor relations officer in any of the ten Regional offices of the department. In his present position he is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and coordinating labor standards enforcement with the Department of Labor and the HUD Regional Inspector General. He also represents the Regional Administrator in matters of labor relations — labor standards with other government agencies, including liaison with organized labor, particularly the building and construction trades and contractor associations. He also is charged with providing technical advice and support to HUD programs in the development of manpower training related to equal opportunity in the construction industry, pursuant to labor standards requirements.

While with HEW, Marlaina Kiner was responsible for the department's Civil Rights compliance activity in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Washington supervising a staff of 35. Prior to coming to Seattle in late 1970, she was Attorney Advisor in Civil Rights in the Washington, D.C. headquarters of HEW and, for a time, in the Atlanta Regional Office.

As Regional Counsel for Region X of HUD she will be responsible for giving legal advice and assistance to the Regional Administrator and his assistants. She will direct and supervise the activities of the office of Regional Counsel and provide professional advice, assistance and guidance to HUD Field Office Counsel throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

Forests also produce Black History

(Continued from Page 1 Column 6) U.S. Forest Service to travel throughout the Northwest presenting the case for the Black pioneers in technology who made possible today's great economic and industrial wealth in this nation.

"In direct consequence of these Human Rights Sessions there not only has been an improvement in the acceptance of Blacks into the workforce and associated communities — but there has been the unexpected bonus of scores of whites funneling back information, documents and photos on the Black contributors 'they' know of: Engineers, pioneer ranchers, foresters, surveyors, smoke-jumpers, businessmen, inventors, etc. — with collateral ties extending into almost every state in the union — opening up virtual treasure troves of new Black History.

"Burt, Outreach Contractor For Human Resource Programs for the huge agency and a member of both the Association For The Study Of Afro-American History, and The American Association For State and Local History, is developing a relevant Ethnic Historic Data Package for ordinary or computer utilization. It will be available free of charge in late fall to any historical or educational organization. Requests should be made now to Professor McKinley Burt, P.O. Box 358, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon 97207."

This message, and similar ones, is being repeated by 64 minority newspapers and magazines, 81 Black-owned radio stations, several score related government agencies — and overseas, the Armed Services Radio Network and the United States Information Agency. The reason for such extensive coverage is that Blacks are showing a fast-growing concern in land economics as expressed by the increasing number of articles, workshops, curricula additions and creation of related organizations.

In connection with the recent formation of a Northwest Minority Land Economics Organization, the writer already has obtained funding for a regional land conference to be held on the site of a Black-owned Tree Farm and Experimental Nutrition Station. Participating will be Black soil scientists, foresters, engineers, food technologists, agro-economists, agricultural service companies including a Black-owned helicopter spraying and logging firm, etc. Members and participants are from Tuskegee, Oregon State University, University of Washington, Colorado State University, and the Wood Products Industry and from related Federal and State Agencies.

If Black people are to have economic viability, or even just sur-

vive these frightening times, it is essential that we escalate our involvement with the basic processes of producing food, clothing and housing — and that this commitment be reflected in our educational and business priorities. There was a time, at the turn of the century when Blacks were smart enough to know that these were the absolute prerequisites for the survival of a people and I return now to that era where Blacks demonstrated an almost unbelievable (but well-documented) talent and drive in these economic directions.

Let us look through the pages of 'Evidences of Progress Among Colored People,' written in 1902 by G.F. Richings a Black man who travelled throughout America gathering documentation, photographs, letters, deeds, titles and personal interviews of Black accomplishment. In Greenville, Mississippi we have the Honorable James Hill, former postmaster of Vicksburg, the States' largest city and prior to that the chief officer of the United States Land Office at Jackson. Between 1893 and 1900 we find him the president of the Freedom Manufacturing Company and the Mississippi Cotton Manufacturing Company, both Black-conceived and owned, and worth millions of dollars in terms of today's money.

In North Carolina (1898) we have the Coleman Manufacturing Company, "a three-story brick building, 80 x 120 feet in dimension — 7,000 to 10,000 spindles, 250 looms — they spin, weave, manufacture, finish and sell warps, yarns, cloth, prints, or other fabrics made of cotton, wool, etc. The company owns 100 acres of land on the main line of the Southern Railway. "Every brandname con-

Black Studies offers courses

Five new courses will be offered this fall by the Black studies department at Portland State University.

They are "Blacks in Oregon," "Elementary Swahili," "Early Black Writers," "Health Planning in the City," and "Race Discrimination," Affirmative Action, and the Law."

The department will offer a total of eighteen fall courses, including five evening and two Saturday

Prison Ministries hold tea

John and Vivian Parker invite the public to Prison Ministries third Annual Tea on August 27th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Great Hall, 1624 N.E. Hancock. Music will be presented by the Tabernacle Choir of Portland and Laver of Newberg, Oregon. Speakers will be Ms. Claire Argon and possibly Gaylord Drew from Oregon State Penitentiary, and others.

The goal of Prison Ministries, Incorporated is to provide to the incarcerated, psychological, physical, spiritual, and limited monetary help, to enable them to have the ability and motivation to be rehabilitated once released, or to endure as model

prisoners. For to potential prisoners, it offers preventive methods enabling them to function within the society, via counseling, moral support, financial, job, food and shelter aid.

NAACP picnic

The Vancouver, Washington Branch of NAACP is holding its annual picnic at Lewisville Park Section D (near Battle Ground) Sunday, August 27th from noon until 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to share the fun and games. Bring your own lunch and table service.

Aging hearings consider needs

The Portland/Multnomah County Area Agency on Aging and its citizen Planning/Advisory Committee are sponsoring eight open public meetings regarding the needs of older people. The purpose of these meetings is to provide opportunity for older people to develop a prioritized list of the critical needs of the elderly in each of the eight Aging Service Districts. The opinions and concerns presented at these meetings will be considered in the development of the comprehensive plan for aging services in Portland/Multnomah County. Staff of the City of Portland's Human Resources Bureau, which is the designated Area Agency on Aging for the City of Portland and Multnomah County, are responsible for the preparation of the plan.

The meetings for North and Northeast Portland are scheduled as follows: Monday, September 11th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Peninsula Project

ABLE, 7508 N. Hereford; Thursday, September 14th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th; Friday, September 15th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Urban League Senior Center, 3904 N.E. Union.

The agenda for each of the meetings will include an explanation of the nine need areas identified for the planning process, discussion about the particular needs for that district, and completion of a questionnaire. The nine need areas are as follows: 1) Housing; 2) Social Contact (recreation, friendly visiting); 3) Information/Service Utilization (e.g., information and referral, case management); 4) Income (e.g., employment, basic financial support); 5) Transportation; 6) In-Home Assistance (e.g., homemaker, housekeeper); 7) Protective/Legal; 8) Nutrition; and 9) Health.

Those attending the meetings will be asked to assume that no services are available for older people in the district and to indicate which needs are most critical and which are less important to the district as a whole.

Older people and others concerned about the needs of the elderly are encouraged to attend one of these meetings to make their views known. More information can be obtained by calling 248-4752.

scious purchaser of linens in America knows the name 'Cannon Mills,' but Blacks have long since ceased to have any equity in this enterprise. A related book exhibits a photostat of an original share issued to a minor, and only white shareholder, a Duke of the famed tobacco clan. Throughout the South and Midwest we find hundreds of major Black manufacturing and agricultural enterprises.

We also find, in these times, Black Congressman George Washington Murray recording indelibly in the Congressional Record (53rd Congress, 2nd Session, August 10, 1894) that not only has he himself patented eight innovative agricultural machines which have substantially improved Southern Agriculture and wealth — but also that Black engineers and manufacturers and timber operators are putting on their second Atlanta Industrial Exposition with people coming from all over the world to see their inventions of locomotives, logging - mining - agricultural machinery, industrial tools, textile machinery and consumer goods. Congressman Murray asked that Congress appropriate sums in support as it had done with other trade fairs; the motion carried.

(Next week: "Why doesn't Black or white America know these facts? What is the consequence of raising generations of Black youth without these role models?" And not least, "What happened to these land and industrial bases — It is still happening and is it a crucial problem in our Pacific Northwest? Welfare is not a matter of legarthy — It is long-term economic planning.")

Syndicated: M.B.A.

Women march for safe streets

"Reclaim the Night," the second Annual Women's Night Watch Flashlight March and Gathering of Women, will take place on Friday, August 25th. The march and rally in downtown Portland will dramatize women's right to use the city's streets after dark without fear of rape or harassment.

Women and children will gather at 8:00 p.m. at Park and Clay in the south park blocks. The march through downtown Portland will

begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. and will end with a rally at O'Bryant Square at 10:00 p.m. The program at the park will include karate and self-defense demonstrations, as well as songs, poems, and dance protesting violence against women and children.

Children are welcome at the march and rally, and childcare will also be provided at the Helen Gordon Center, 1609 S.W. 12th. Call 236-9738 in advance for childcare or for further information.

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Exodus completed its first certificate training course for its counselors on July 21, 1978. This training provides additional counseling skills to its staff, in order to serve its clientele more consistently.

A similar course will be scheduled for the community at large during the month of October. The course will center around communication linkages between substance abusers, spouse of substance abusers, children who are substance abusers, and parents of children who are substance abusers. This course will be taught at the grass-roots level.

Registration for this course will be published in our September column of the *Portland Observer*.

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