



President Carter and baseball great Henry "Hank" Aaron met recently to talk over old times and future challenges in a session at the White House.
Aaron — sometimes called "The Hammer" — was slugging home runs for the Atlanta Braves while the President was serving as Governor of Georgia.

Aaron visited the President to discuss a coming visit to the Dominican Republic. President Carter appointed Aaron as part of a delegation to represent the United States at the inauguration ceremonies for Silvestre Antonio Guzman Fernandez as President of that nation. (White House Photograph)

Boys club sports begin

Boys' Clubs of Portland, a United Way Agency, announces sign-up opportunities for its fall athletic programs for Portland area grade school boys seven through fourteen years of age, starting August 21st.

Programs in flag football, tackle football and soccer will be conducted at the three Portland locations.

Boys' may register daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pal Boys' Club, 9330 S.E. Harold Street; the Columbia Boys' Club, 7602 N. Emerald at Lombard; and the Sellwood-Moreland Boys' Club, 8210 S.E. 13th Avenue.

Practice and conditioning for football will start August 29th and soccer practice will start on August 29th.

Additional information on these and other Boys' Club programs may be secured by dropping into one of the three building centers or by calling 775-1549.

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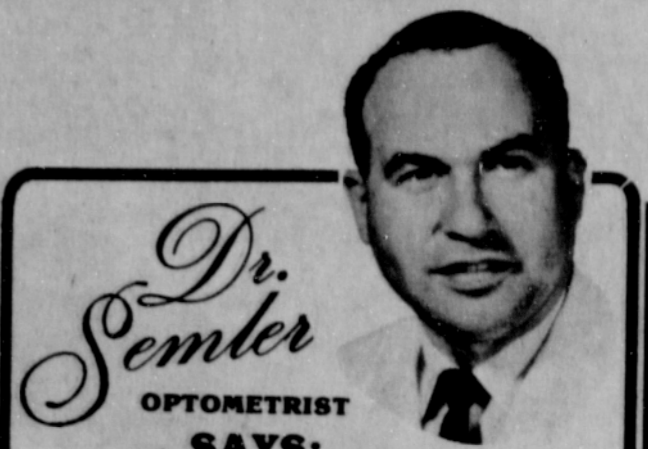
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Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor



Following the Blazers rise to the top in the 1976-77 NBA playoffs there were numerous writings concerning the Portland team. It seems that everyone was caught up in Blazermania and more often than not there were enterprising groups and individuals waiting to capitalize on the wonderful feats achieved by our town's spectacular team. Jack Ramsey, the marvelous Trailblazer coach; Harry Glickman, the illustrious General Manager; and the little known Larry Colton; all ran forward with books to describe to us just what made Blazermania work. Perhaps the best was written by Colton, a one-time teacher at Adams High and ex-professional baseball pitcher. Colton logged many miles with the team to accumulate some most interesting data.

Maurice Lucas, Blazer strong forward is among Colton's favorites and would like to share some of Colton's enthusiasm for Lucas with my readers.

"Welcome to MacLaren School, Maurice," said a middle-aged man, stepping out from the group. "We appreciate your coming today."

MacLaren School was the last of eighteen sessions in the Maurice Lucas Summer Youth Involvement Clinics sponsored by the Portland Park Bureau. Located near Woodburn, 45 minutes south of Portland.

Lucas is known around the NBA as a "bad dude" thus earning the nickname "enforcer." "Sonny Hill," Lucas began, "talked to you guys earlier today about the concept of reachback, where one person reaches out to help another. That is

what I am trying to do. I consider you guys here at this place (MacLaren) to be a part of me. You have a future, and I want to do what I can to help you."

He (Lucas) continued to pace in front of the bleachers. He looked directly at the audience. "You might as well learn something right now," he said forcefully. "You can't beat the system. They pay people money to figure out ways to keep people like you from beating the system. They've got it set up so you can't beat it."

"You can't do things in life without thinking them out in advance. If you're going to steal a car, think of the punishment. Is it worth a couple of years of your life in a joint like this?"

Maurice goes on to explain to his young captive audience on how to make it on the outside.

"Now my brother, my elder brother just completed an eight year prison term. You guys have got to get yourselves together, or that is what your future will be."

Maurice went on to describe his brother as a cold man, a man that could outlick anybody.

Colton's book is worth reading. It gives an in-depth look at the team as individuals. He was present with the team on the road, at parties, in bars, and alone in their rooms.

About the author: Larry Colton is 35 years old, married, two daughters — Sarah two and Wendy eleven. Colton was a former baseball player spending 1965-1970 as a pitcher with the Eugene Emeralds, Macon Peaches, San Diego Padres and Philadelphia Phillies. Colton lists his boyhood idols as Mickey Mantle, J.F.K., supported Eugene McCarthy, and the Beatles. Now it's the Blazers.

Brown asks attention to causes of crime

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Brown said there is a need to look at policy implications, the criminal justice system is assigned the job of controlling crime but cannot do the job alone. Citizen involvement is necessary to make crime prevention the first priority.

Brown advocates putting the greatest effort into preventing juvenile delinquency — preventing the involvement of juveniles in the criminal justice system, reintegrating offenders into the community since the more involvement a youth has with the justice system the more apt he is to remain involved in crime.

Public agencies should improvise the delivery of services. There is evidence that the crime rate is high among those who have inadequate services. There is a high correlation between crime and jobs and between crime and poverty.

Brown asked the American Correctional Association to present the following agenda to President Carter.

1) The President should provide federal leadership with a message on crime. He should point out the

Portland fans analyzed

by Bill Schaefer

If you're a psychology student planning to write a thesis on collective human behavior, try to figure out what makes Portland's professional sports fans tick. That would be a subject worthy of Freud.

Just consider. The Portland Trailblazers, in an act of arrogance seldom matched in professional sports, brazenly boosted the price of tickets for the coming season after standing room only crowds filled every corner of the Coliseum for last season's 41 home games.

But was there a public outcry? Certainly not. There was not even a whimper.

Then we are advised, through a series of incredible inconsistencies, that Bill Walton would prefer to play his trade in a city other than Portland. We are asked to swallow, on the one hand, the fantasy that money is not the issue, but when dollars are discussed we are told that whoever wants Walton's services had better begin at the \$800,000 a year figure David Thompson is reportedly earning at Denver.

Walton's reason for wanting to leave, we've been told, is his disenchantment with the Blazers' medical practices — specifically, the team's alleged indifference to administering pain-killing drugs to its players. But according to a former member of the Golden State Warriors, the team Walton now says he wants to play for, injections have been given there, too. The rationale for all this, Walton's agent says, is that the procedure is management policy in Portland whereas other teams' involvement is on an exceptional basis.

And, believe it or not, the fans in Portland are buying all this. At least, disillusionment has not yet set in at the box office where sales are booming again.

Now, let's look at the case of the Portland Timbers. For two seasons prior to 1978, the Timbers labored hard but unsuccessfully and finished

among the NASL's also-rans. But this year owner Keith Williams and coach Don Megson have, almost miraculously, fashioned an outstanding team, a bona fide title contender that advanced to the National Conference playoff series.

And what about the Timbers fans? They first showed their appreciation by staying away. Crowds of 8,500 and 10,000 showed up, even with a winning team. About 16,000 came to see the Seattle Rose Festival game and almost 24,000 paid their way in to see the Vancouver game late last month.

Then a controversy exploded over distribution of money from the playoffs. The fans thought that playoff money goes directly to the clubs to be shared with the players, a procedure followed in most other professional sports.

But in the NASL all playoff revenue is pooled. After all expenses are taken care of, bonuses are paid to those players participating in different levels of the playoffs.

This the Portland fans didn't like.

"My mail clearly told me the fans were upset with the club and me personally," Williams said. "They visualized that the club was taking all the money and not sharing it with the players. They said they would not support the club and the playoffs. They were very verbal about it. It's too bad. They missed some great soccer."

Still, the patient Williams refused to panic over the attendance problem, even though the Timbers enjoyed a better gate last season than this one.

"It'll come eventually," Williams said. "I feel it was all a misunderstanding and the fans will eventually support a winner. And we think we're well on the way to establishing a winning tradition."

Maybe. At least the Timbers deserve a better breed of fan than they're getting while the Blazers are looking out on loyalty. It's like the man said. There ain't no justice.

correlation between crime and the conditions under which people must live and that crime is a natural result of the social, economic and political system of this nation.

2) Call on Congress for a policy of full unemployment. There is a direct correlation between unemployment and juvenile crime, property crimes, homicides and imprisonment.

3) Call for safe, decent, sanitary housing for all and a federal policy of home ownership. Crime is a result of poor housing, overcrowding and the social problems related to housing. The cities must be rebuilt.

4) The total welfare must be considered. The nation must develop a policy that will provide adequate health care as a right.

5) Funds must be provided for research and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction. A diplomatic effort must be made to stop the flow of drugs into this country. There is a high correlation between drug use and property crimes and between alcohol use and crimes of violence.

6) The manufacture, import, sale and possession of hand guns should

be illegal. Hand guns in homes are six times more likely to be used against family members than against possible burglars.

7) TV violence has been demonstrated to increase aggressive behavior in children and should be controlled.

8) Children are leaving school unprepared, unskilled, uneducated and relegated to a sub-class of unemployment and despair. A federal policy is needed to address the education system where too many youth drop out or are kicked out of school.

9) White collar crime must be recognized and dealt with. Consumer fraud and price fixing place a heavy load on the poor.

10) Major reforms are needed in LEAM to provide research and demonstration projects.

Brown added that the solution to crime, considered by many citizens to be the nations' most serious problem, calls for a concentrated effort by all of society to irradiate the root causes of crime.

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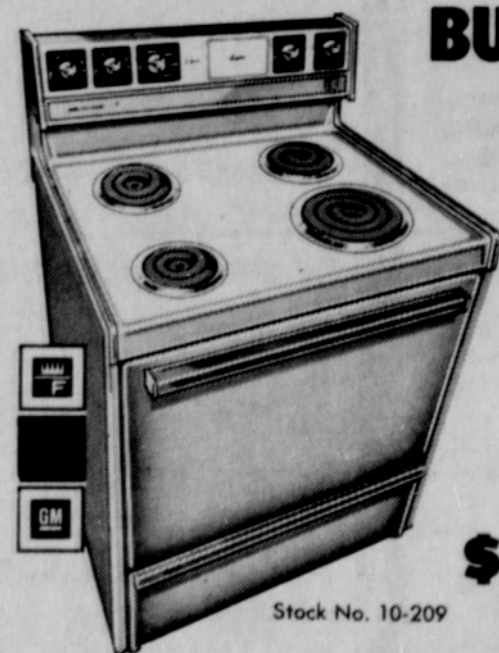
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