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Behind the wall

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Verne A. Duncan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a man more concerned with the children in Oregon than trying to win any popularity contest at election time.

Duncan easily proved this last week by the organization of ten public school administrators throughout the state who accompanied him inside the walls of O.S.P. for answers to some of the important questions from residents who reside inside.

"What are some of the reasons youth become caught up in the criminal justice system, which eventually will place them behind these bars?"

"Is it feasible to think that if our grade schools place more inference on the learning of the laws, such an education might play a large role as a deterrent to crime among youth?"

"What type of image does a father

who is in prison present to his children?"

Duncan and the school officials were among a group of inmates who could answer these questions by their own personal experiences.

Ten prisoners — many of them a product of reform schools, juvenile homes, and jails — spent two hours conversing on the subject. Some are from broken homes and economically deprived backgrounds. They related how their lives might have been changed if they had become more acquainted with laws at an early age.

"To know and understand certain things about laws and rights one can become knowledgeable enough to respect his and others," answered one prisoner, who is now training to become a para-legal.

Another prisoner related the fear of his children idolizing the image of their father being a tough guy because he's in prison. "James

Cagney and Burt Lancaster were the heroes in their prison movies." He continued, "Tours by young people should be conducted through these places for the truth and what type of people these cages can produce after a long period of time."

Both groups were very honest and above-board with their answers and questions. Both recognized they were not dealing with their own personal benefits, but the futures of children's lives. They discussed busing, racial differences, parents and teachers roles, community acceptance and law enforcement, along with the image police and judges project on children today.

Two hours is nothing but a drop in a bucket when discussing these important subjects. Verne Duncan knew this prior to his arranging this session. He also knew the prisoners respect him enough to participate wholeheartedly and that the administrators would listen with an open mind.

"Save any child from getting caught up in the criminal justice system" is Duncan's motto, and he does care what price he has to pay doing it.

At the conclusion of this session Duncan and the school administrators suggested more sessions be scheduled. All agreed to the idea.

Oregon is fortunate to have a man such as Verne Duncan at the helm of the educational system. There are not education officials around who place the child first and their position and dollar second. Teachers strikes are proving this to be true. Judges jailing teachers are all part of the law, but how do you explain such actions to a child? The cost of a child being educated on how to respect the law today is far less expensive than more cells, prisons, and gas chambers tomorrow. Proposition 6 might prove that a fact, if too many votes are cast in its direction.

"Save the children" means more than words to Verne Duncan — and he'll go to prison to prove it — without a contempt of court charge or a judge's court order.

TREESONG OF DEATH

In a barren land an aging
mud brown dying tree stands alone.
Tears fall from slender weeping
limbs that grieve lost green
leaves and throbbing ripe, red fruit.

Once a pungent sap flowed throughout
rots and veins of this forgotten,
many seamed and cracked tree.
Birds of prey and peace brought forth
life and sang of love and death
within its brightly adorned limbs.

But seasons came and went under the watchful
eyes of Master Time, whose companion Age
came to roost vulturelike within sheltering branches.
Now lifeblood seeps out, staining soil
as it sings a death song,
alone in final agony.

by Robert F. Reeves

Black minister nominated to NCC presidency

NEW YORK, SEPT. 22 — A young Black executive of the Reformed Church in America is expected to be nominated as the next president of the National Council of Churches.

M. William Howard of Princeton, New Jersey, is the choice of the council's nominating committee, Robert W. Huston, the committee's chairperson, announced. If elected by the council's Governing Board in November, Howard, 32, would become the youngest person ever to head the 28-year-old ecumenical organization. The presidential candidate proposed by the nominating committee has never been successfully challenged.

Howard would be the eleventh president of the National Council of Churches and its second Black president. The council, embracing 31 Protestant and Orthodox national church bodies, is the nation's largest

ecumenical organization.

Howard, a minister of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., is executive director of the Black Council of the Reformed Church in America, which has its headquarters in New York City.

Since 1974 he has been vice president for justice, liberation and human fulfillment of the National Council of Churches. He is also a member of the Unit of Justice and Service of the World Council of Churches, an advisor to its Central Committee and has served as moderator of the WCC's Program to Combat Racism.

A native of Americus, Georgia, Howard was educated at Morehouse College, Atlanta, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Before joining the Reformed Church in America in 1972, he was campus minister at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Princeton.

As president, Howard would preside over semi-annual meetings of the council's 252-member policy-making Governing Board and would represent the council before the public. The president's term of office is three years.

He would succeed William P. Thompson, stated clerk of The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The only previous Black president of the National Council was W. Sterling Cary, minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, who served from 1972 until 1975 when Thompson was

elected.

Bishop Chester A. Kirkendoll of Birmingham, Alabama, has been chosen by the committee as recording secretary. He has headed the fifth district of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for eight years, before which he was for twenty years president of Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee.

Howard said that, if elected, he "would be interested in bringing to the council a greater appreciation for the biblical imperative for the unity of the churches."

Noting that the Governing Board recently engaged in Bible study for the first time, he said, "Bible study, particularly the scriptural mandate for one church, needs to be an integral part of the life of the council."

Howard said he hopes the council will, as a result of Bible study, "approach social and theological issues from a better grounding."

"How many of us regard ourselves as ecumenists because ecumenism is

a good idea and we get to meet some nice people? And how many of us realize that while that is an attractive feature, we are really talking about ecumenism because it is commanded by the scriptures we claim?" he asked. "If we approach it from the latter perspective, we can treat emerging societal issues more maturely."

"There is a vacuum in the ministry of American Christianity to a significant proportion of the American population on such issues as morality, human values and the new society that must be created," he declared. "The National Council of Churches can be a forum for the member churches to deliberate on how they can respond to the needs of tomorrow's churches."

Howard stressed that, as president, he would strive to "be in relationship to all the churches of the council" and that he is "open to being enriched" by the various religious heritages represented in the council.

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The City of Bend, Deschutes County, OR., hereinafter called the Owner, through Bend Engineering Consultants (BECON), hereinafter called the Engineer, is inviting Proposals to furnish and deliver 50 and, depending on the Owner's requirements, up to 100 submersible nonclog sewage pumps designed primarily for residential use. The Owner may or may not purchase in excess of 50 pumping units.

Sealed Proposals addressed to James W. Kerfoot, Recorder-Treasurer of the City of Bend, Deschutes County, 710 Wall Street, Bend, OR. 97701, will be received at the office of James W. Kerfoot, Recorder-Treasurer of the City of Bend, 710 Wall Street, Bend, OR. 97701, until 9:30 a.m., local time, on the 24th day of October, 1978, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the City Commission Room at 710 Wall Street, Bend, OR. 97701.

The Contract Documents for the Owner's purchase of equipment include the Bidding Requirements, the Proposal, the Contract-forms, the General Conditions and the Specifications. Copies of the Contract Documents may be reviewed or obtained at the office of BECON (Bend Engineering Consultants), South Highway 97, Bend, OR. 97701, ATTENTION Mr. Scott Hicks, Phone (503) 382-4114. Questions about the content of these Contract Documents should be directed to Mr. Scott Hicks, BECON, P.O. Box 1174, Bend, OR. 97701, (503) 382-4114.

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