

Conspiracy trial begins, drug ring alleged

The jury trial of fourteen persons charged with conspiracy to acquire and sell heroin and related crimes began Monday in U.S. District Court before Judge John Burns.

Defendants are: Irving Brown, 29; Larry Crawford, 24; Ronald Crawford, 21; Freddie Harris, 28; Paul Jones, 26; Norman J. Moore, 21; Barry A. Wallace, 26, and his wife Diana, 28; Roy Ray Washington, 33; Kerry Woods, 30; Bobby Joe Moore, 29; Sherman Jackson, 30; all of Portland.

Conway D. Waddy, 30; Jerome H. Woods, 26; and Allen Crutchfield, 33; all of Los Angeles.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Wong presented the opening remarks

for the government. Wong told the jury that there are 16 counts against the defendants. All are charged with conspiracy to obtain heroin for distribution. Fifteen additional counts, against one or more, include interstate travel and telephone communication to further the alleged conspiracy, and distribution of heroin.

Indictments against Crutchfield are conspiracy, communication, and aiding and abetting travel. Sherman Jackson is charged with conspiracy and distribution. Bobby Joe Moore was indicted for conspiracy, travel and communication. Indictments against Waddy are conspiracy, aiding and abetting travel and com-

munication.

The government charges that Conway Waddy, a resident of Los Angeles, provided heroin to Jerome Woods and Crutchfield. These men allegedly distributed the heroin to Sherman Jackson, Bobby J. Moore, Johnny Williams and Harvey Rosen. They in turn distributed it to Norman Moore, Phillip Stephens, and Paul Jones. From them it passed to the other defendants.

Wong alleged that by the spring of 1975 Bobby Joe Moore had established himself as a heroin dealer and had established California sources. He, Aaron Mosely and Jackson pooled money to make the purchases. Arrangements for purchases

were made by telephone and Moore travelled to California to obtain the drugs. At other times Phillip Stephens, Norman Moore or Johnny Williams made pick-ups, or delivery was made by Jerome Woods.

On one occasion, Wong charged, Daniel Harvey met Jerome Woods in Los Angeles, purchased heroin, then left it and money in a hotel room. He was arrested, convicted and jailed.

Wong explained that the government will attempt to prove the charges through testimony of inside sources, overt acts of the defendants, records of telephone calls, recorded telephone calls and conversation, expenditures not explained by ordinary income, and drug seizures.

Wong told the jury that tapes of telephone conversations between Jackson and Johnny Williams and between Paul Jones and Aaron Mosely, will be heard, he identified Mosely as an informant.

Those defense attorneys who made opening remarks, and most reserved the right to make their presentations later, cautioned the jury to attempt to keep from confusing the issues attorney for Larry Crawford, said his client was charged with transporting heroin "...sometime in 1977", which in itself does not establish that he was involved in a conspiracy.

"we will have to wait with you to find out about this act -- what and who and where. They haven't told

us."

He anticipated that one person had been caught and had "worked out a deal" to testify in exchange for immunity. He charged the government with "forgetting quality of evidence" against that witness in exchange for "quantity of evidence he can give."

Frank Noonan, attorney for Ronald Crawford, identified the witness as Johnny Williams. Stating "Johnny Williams is not on trial", he cautioned the jury to assess what Williams has to gain by cooperating with the prosecution and what he loses if he does not." He added that

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GENTLEMEN START YOUR???

Damon Harris, Jason Norris and Desmond Faison

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CETA reorganization explained

The City of Portland's Employment and Training Division held a public forum Tuesday evening to explain recent changes in the CETA program. Repeatedly emphasized was the policy that the purpose of CETA is to train the unemployed for employment in the private sector.

Janice Wilson, director of the Bureau of Human Resources, which oversees CETA, explained that although in past years most of the CETA funds were used to hire persons in public service employment with the City or with private non-profit agencies, the new emphasis is on training.

"The goal is for the trainee to acquire skills to provide the ability to gain employment. Eighty-five per cent of the jobs in the Portland area are in the private sector."

Last spring CETA went through a controversial reorganization. Programs that had been contracted to Portland Community College and POIC were brought back to the agency. The program was relocated downtown in the Board of Trades

Building.

The reorganization, the office move, the elimination of community based intake, brought concern that the "hard core" unemployed would not be served.

Joe Gonzales explained that the new City strategy is to use its federal Economic Development Act money to support the private sector and to stimulate jobs. Assistance to labor intensive industry is considered the best way to expand employment.

The First Source Agreement guarantees that certain companies that receive aid from the city in land subsidy, public works, tax breaks and other incentives will also have a trained labor force -- trained by the CETA program. In return the company agrees to hire through the City.

The prime example of a first source agreement is a contract to train from 475 to 500 people for Wacker, many that were previously used for public service jobs have now been

targeted to train for Wacker.

According to material provided by CETA, 30 per cent of the Wacker trainees are minorities; with 25 per cent Blacks. Thirty-four per cent are women.

Freddie Petett, executive director of the Urban League, expressed concern about individuals who do not have enough skill to be included in the Wacker training program and was assured that those persons would receive other placements.

George Rankins asked if CETA has any intention of looking at City agencies that do not hire minorities and, using CETA funds, train people for these positions as was done with the Police and Fire Departments.

Following his question on the number of Blacks on the Citizen Advisory Council, Gonzales said there are several vacancies and persons or organizations should contact him.

NAACP Area meets in Salem

The Salem Branch, NAACP, will host the Northwest Area Conference of Branches from October 26th to 28th.

The conference begins on Saturday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m. with Don Haley, Area President, opening the conference. Invocation will be given by Reverend D.L. Collins, Pastor of the State Street Church of God in Salem. Speakers and workshop leaders include Judge Charles Johnson from Seattle; Nina Powell, First Vice President, Salem Branch; Lucius Hicks, President, Portland Branch; Lacy Steele, President, Seattle Branch; Greg Parker, President, Corvallis Branch and others.

Judge Charles Johnson will discuss "Handling Legal, Employment and Housing Complaints", at 10:15 a.m. Following, Lewis Drake of the Region X Census Bureau will talk on "The 1980 Census and its Impact on Minorities".

Mrs. Freddie Petett, Executive Director of the Portland Urban League, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet which will be held Saturday night at Denny Chens. Entertainment will be provided by the Williams Temple Church of God in Christ Gospel Choir, of Portland. The price for the banquet is \$12 per person. Tickets are available in Portland at the Urban League offices and in Salem at Stevens and son Jewelers.

'State of the Race' brings unity of purpose

by Ulysses Tucker, Jr.

Oakland, California was the location of the recent "State of the Race" conference sponsored by the Pan Afrikan Secretariat of North America. Those individuals attending for the first time came with great expectations.

If the rejection at the front gate of a white couple who had pre-registered did not give an indication of how intense the vibrations would be, they may as well left behind them. For Afrikans only!

Traditional Afrikan dress was a common site, drummers, poets, elders passing on wisdom from lips to ear, and children singing songs of Afrikan liberation.

There were names like Kehinde Lowazi, Namusa Buchongo, Bomani Sivatu, and a host of non-western names. Then there were the Joneses, Bemingtons, Owensens and Seals -- those names victims of acculturation. How would they be perceived dressed like a capitalist definition of a person?

"It makes no difference how you're dressed," said Hakika Assad W. Abdallah of Omaha, Nebraska. "We all have one thing in common. We are Black and have the same struggle."

Vendors sold their wares;

organizations passed out literature, exchanged ideology; brothers and sisters spoke about going to the mother county while waiting to listen to erudite scholars like Dr. Yosef Ben Jochanan, professor at Cornell University.

Jochanan received the "Marcus Garvey" annual lectureship award from the Pan Afrikan Secretariat of North America and delivered a "spirit shaking" speech on "The Historical Development of the Pan Afrikan Movement."

Poet Haki Madhubuti, the Patriotic Front of Africa; LeGrand Clegg; and Sister Mae Mallory, to name a few, all travelled thousands of miles to address issues relevant to Afrikan people around the world.

Speeches and workshops addressed such issues as: Black male-female relations; the Black family; the Black church; cooperative economics; and building the Pan Afrikan Movement in the U.S.

"These conferences bring people together and give us the opportunity to come and educate each other," said the Reverend Herbert Daughtry, chairman of the Black United Front in Brooklyn, New York.

"We need to make contacts for future efforts because its time for mass movements," he said after

delivering his opening address on "Building the Black United Front through Mass Movement".

The Pan Afrikan Secretariat believes in the liberation and unification of all Afrikans in the world. They also recognize the need for Afrikans who face common oppression from western forces of capitalism, racism, neo-colonialism, to unite.

The Pan Afrikan Secretariat grew out of the Revolutionary Pan Afrikan Movement of the 1900s, 1920s, 1960s and 1970s. In 1975, a number of organizations and individuals from around the U.S. formed the United States Chapter. There were Africans representing twelve nations and sixteen states.

"I was telling my wife yesterday that if it continues to grow like this, we may have to change it from a conference to a convention," said Ajili Hodari, coordinator of the event and member of the Pan Afrikan Secretariat.

The Oakland resident continues, "Over the past few months we've planned and evaluated to make the conference better this year. Not to say that the last two were sad, but we wanted to work on making things progress smoothly. We are pleased with our collective effort."

POIC hosts regional meeting

Portland OIC will host the Opportunities Industrialization Centers Region IX Conference, October 21st through October 24th. The OICs of America are private non-profit centers that train unskilled, unemployed or underemployed persons for meaningful employment.

OICs work closely with local business, industry and agencies to assure that the skills taught are of immediate use and that openings will be available for job-ready trainees. Each OIC curriculum, therefore, is developed for a specific job market and is changed as emphases shifts

from one type of work to another.

Joe Washington, POIC director, explained that many innovations originated by OICs are now common manpower training practices. One basic concept contributing to the outstanding success of OICs is that training must be comprehensive, taking into account the total needs of each trainee.

At the Region IX Conference, OIC staffs from Washington, Idaho and Oregon will exchange knowledge and techniques they have acquired independently. Meetings will be held

at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird.

Lucious Hicks, President of the Portland Branch, NAACP, will speak at the closing luncheon, at 11:00 Wednesday. Tickets are available by calling 287-1271, Ext. 224, and are priced at \$10. The public is welcome.

The public is also invited to a Disco at On the Rocks, 15 N.W. 6th Avenue on Tuesday, October 23rd.

A \$2.00 donation from each guest will replace the usual cover charge, and drinks will be sold from 8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.



Jacob Lawrence discusses his art.

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