



**WHO!** Specialist 4 Joseph Nacosti of N.E. Portland stops an approaching jeep at the entrance of Camp Rilea near Warrenton on the Oregon coast. His National Guard unit, the 141st Military Police, is presently performing annual training at Camp Rilea. Nacosti, a self employed private investigator, has been in the National Guard for 11 years. (National Guard photo by PFC Lisa Henderson)

## One for the road

By B. Uffis

From this point forward it would be in the best interest of Black members of anything to have a sense of identity and affiliation with the Black population and to give evidence of this. The participant anywhere who wishes to be thought of as just "one who happens to be Black" may find they are, really.

Blacks are keenly aware of the inflammatory posture of Ronald Reagan on matters of military importance. His doctrinaire rhetoric emphasizing the need for this nation to think "war" is rapidly reaching the highest levels of tension. Jimmy Carter in his efforts to achieve reelection is matching the admissions of Reagan by informing the people that war is inevitable. Either of these candidates are likely to be bad news for the Black population. Blacks are among the most defenseless elements of this nation's people in their capabilities to avoid being cannon fodder.

Blacks are the only people in America that have to train their children for a life to be lived under oppression. They should not have to

do this because of the adverse conditions created for them by Black functionaries who act to destroy the unity that Black people have labored diligently to produce.

In the immediate future considerable attention is to be focused upon Black elected officials in this area. Much of the concern will be directed toward performances and services rendered by them in meeting the reasonable expectations of the Black population. Some recent events and incidents indicate that most Blacks in political posts do not see themselves as owing anything to the Black population. At the same time they leave no doubt that they are beholders to other sectors of the society.

There are innumerable instances where some of these individuals have been irresponsible and unreliable. On occasion they have been reminded of this by Blacks who wished to extend considerations and cooperation. It appears, however, that the ego derives to be a "firstest" or "onliest" negro can produce selfish compulsions that cannot be set aside.

## Governor appoints Ganter

Charles E. Ganter, Beaverton, has been appointed to the Oregon Private Industry Council.

Ganter is director of the apprenticeship and training division of the State Bureau of Labor and Industries, Portland, a position he has held since Dec., 1977.

Funded by the federal department of Labor Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA) - Title VII, the council authorizes a variety of approaches toward increasing the involvement of the business community in CETA training and employment programs. Private industry councils are part of that effort.

## Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah  
(aka Joe West # 40404)

There is instant insanity harboring behind these cold desolate granite walls. It gnaws at the marrow of confined spirits and consumes the dawn of each new day. New days with old frustrations returned become jaded nightmares fed into toilet bowls like urine, feces, and ejaculated semen. For the sake of identification let's call this instant insanity the yard blues. The essence of the yard blues is found in the insecure mentalities that prison breeds. Its germs are transmitted through the seeds and lust of perverted unpeople (Black and white) and are cultivated by the invisible forces of time.

Time is the creator of civilizations and the destroyer of youth, dreams and incarcerated souls. The hours leak into days, nights and years of frustration until the desire to live is torn out of the breast of confined men and spilled upon the tiers of dark prison nights.

The yard blues defies normal growth because prison is a cubical of despair and anger that inhibits normalcy. At some point the despair and anger is turned inward

and self destruction - mental, moral - spiritual suicide is imminent. I've observed this festering sickness devour my brothers all in a row and feared for myself.

Very few men are able to combat this disease because it is shrouded in a misty untouchableness. It defies understanding and is camouflaged behind the confusion of ringing bells, clanging doors and perverted smiles of deceit. The brothers search for the source of their pain and demise and see only the Black face next to them. Their claims of Black love is raped, by self indulgence. Self hate is a monster that always seeks the destruction of self and kind. Attacks within the ranks are merciless, vicious and appalling like vultures picking at a carcass long dead. The keepers of the keys smile knowingly because they realize that most Black prisoners don't want to face their oppression. To face oppression is to face the oppressor and brothers in mass are still very much afraid of the whiteness of oppression. Also to face oppression is to face yourself - all the jive excuses have to be cast aside - the finger

pointing and highsiding must desist. There are times when the dozens seem to be our only revolutionary act.

It's easy for Black prisoners to assassinate the dreams of each other because their dreams don't represent newness of change. Inside these walls Blacks slander each other because to slander whites or the power structure means confrontation. Dependent brothers attack independent brothers while the true struggle for independency drifts away in a maze of profanity.

What I'm trying so desperately to say is that prison is a trap that forces its victims to gnaw on itself. Its whiteness leaves Black prisoners in paranoid frustration. Everybody wants out but very few will put forth the effort to achieve freedom. Freedom or the concept of freedom transcends the yard blues. It relieves the pressure of confinement in that it frees the spirit, mind and body to perform sane acts in a insane atmosphere. Fear, distrust, envy and deceit are the markings of oppression. These attributes are reinforced in the verses of the song called yard blues. The sun is shining and a new day is upon us but most Black prisoners are still singing the yard blues.

The yard blues is consuming Black souls daily and no one seems to understand the implications involved in the self destructive song called yard blues. There is a very precarious balance measured in the lives of Black prisoners. The line between sanity and insanity is barely distinguishable at times. And we seem to be lead astray by influences that wouldn't effect us if only we would examine the motives of those perpetuating self oppression. Time either builds or destroys dreams; goals and ideals. There must be some point when the independent actions will merge with the dependent actions of all involved.

The ultimate goal or strivings of the slave must be to be free and the only obligation of the slave is not to die a slave. The bonds of physical slavery have long since been broken but we've now slipped into a passive role of mental slavery that's a hundred

times more deadly. The strong must get stronger and the weak must understand that strength is a relative attribute that can only be found within self.

"All Praise is due to Allah for the few that stand independent in a land where the yard blues is king!"

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## FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe

From the front door, I am continuing with Human Interaction Zones. You will recall I have covered the Family Zone, the Social-Acceptance Zone and the Policy Belief Zone, and now, the final zone is the Economic Zone.

The Economic Zone is the zone that reflects the material aspects of our lives. It must be measured in degrees and against the quality and quantity of goods and services we possess and control, relative to what and how much we consume. There are two kinds of Economics: (1) Positive Economics, which is the results of one producing more than one consumes, (2) Negative Economics, which is the result of one consuming more than one produce.

The Economic Zone sits a top the Policy Belief Zone and is developed, maintained and controlled by the Policy Belief Principles. If we were to use the tree as an example to symbolize these four zones of Human Interactions the roots of the tree would be equivalent to the Family Zone. The trunk, branches and leaves would be equivalent to the Social-Acceptance Zone. The type of trees and its general characteristics would be equivalent to the Policy Belief Zone. Its fruit, seeds and blossoms would be equivalent to the Economic Zone. From this analogy you can see how closely these four zones are connected in the existence of a tree, the same is true in the existence of Human life, the difference being that in the case of a tree, the zones cannot be mixed and confused, because the tree has no need to intellectualize its success and productivity while human beings must explain and intellectualize their success, failure and productivity relative to others.

Economics are at the base of all our material possessions and related directly to one's power to earn, in relation to one's power to spend. For instance if a person spends more and faster than he is able to earn, the result is, that person will be in debt. On the other hand if a person earns more and faster than he spends, the result is, that person will be saving and on their way to wealth. This rule applies without exception to any amount of money, goods and services exchanged.

The Economic Zone is responsible for 75% of our motivation and incentives toward our sense of security and comfort, after we become adults.

Points to remember, never forget that your Family Zone is your root and the bases of your primary existence.

Never forget that your Social-Acceptance Zone is your choice but, remember that Wholesomeness, Cleanliness, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility are signs to look for, and for you to help build in your selection of friends.

Never forget that your Policy Belief Zone is the first zone that raises you to the level of civilization. Remember to seek out policies and beliefs that includes respect of yourself and others; look for honorable Purpose, continue to Prepare to succeed, hold fast to your Direction and be Consistent.

Never forget that it is your Economic Zone in which your material assets are measured, but remember that it is production and energy that is at the base of all Economics, not money. Money is only the incentive and motivator for the harden consumer, but production and energy is the core of all producers.

- Remember your Family are the Roots of your tree (Domestic Zone).
- Your trunk, branches and leaves are your (Social Zone).
- The type of tree and your characteristics, are your (Policy Belief Principles - Zones).
- The quality and quantity of the fruit, blossoms and seeds you produce are your (Economic Zone).

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