

Portland man finds Navy career rewarding

By Bill Egan

ABOARD THE USS ELMER MONTGOMERY -- Chief Petty Officer Ralph "Wes" Carey's resonant voice sounds more like it belongs to a radio announcer than a Navy boatswain's mate.

When Carey, a crewman of the Mayport, Fla., based frigate USS Elmer Montgomery, starts to speak it is obvious by the mellifluous pear-shaped tones that he's had special speech training.

"When I entered the Navy in 1963, I had a problem with stuttering," said the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Carey of Portland, Oregon. I took some speech therapy and joined Toastmasters and that helped solved my problems."

Toastmasters is an organization which helps people improve their public speaking.

Carey's speaking abilities led him to cameo roles on the television show "Hawaii Five-O" during off-duty hours while stationed in Pearl Harbor as director of the USS Arizona Memorial tour service.

"I played a naval intelligence officer on one episode," said Carey. "Then I had a role in the film 'Acapulco Gold' and a part in the TV movie 'Pearl.' In 'Pearl,' I got shot off the destroyer USS Vance."

Carey has also done TV newscasting in Rhode Island and numerous voice-overs for commercials at television and radio stations near his duty stations around the world.

He worked with the Fleet Reserve Association to raise \$6 million for a museum and visitor complex for the Arizona Memorial. He was a

narrator for a record, "December 7, 1941," that was used for the fund-raising project.

"When I was first stationed in Hawaii as director for the Arizona Memorial tour service I had nine people working for me. Four years later, I had 40 women giving tours to more than a million and half visitors a year.

"It was duty you can't improve on," said Carey in referring to his time spent in Hawaii.

Carey listed Copenhagen, Singapore, Rio de Janeiro, Morocco and Japan as some of the more memorable ports he has visited. "I joined the navy to see the world," said the 1963 Madison High School graduate, "and had been around the world before I was 21."

As a boatswain's mate Carey is responsible for keeping outside surfaces of his ship in good condition and maintaining deck machinery and equipment. He is also the ship's career counselor, providing career information to crewmembers and their families.

Armed with the most recent technological advances in electronics, anti-submarine homing torpedoes and an anti-aircraft missile system, USS Elmer Montgomery is designed to perform search and rescue, partol, evacuation, blockade, surveillance and shore bombardment missions.

The crew of 17 officers and 226 enlisted men have most of the services on board offered in civilian communities such as a barber shop, store, laundry, pharmacy, library, post office and a variety of recreational facilities. The ship is named in honor of a Marine



Ralph "Wes" Carey

sergeant who gave his life to save his platoon on Iwo Jima.

Carey enjoys duty aboard the Elmer Montgomery. "It's the finest

ship on which I have had the pleasure to serve," he said. "There's an excellent relationship among the crewmembers."

Coalition Against the Recall sets pickets

A picket to boycott Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan Association will take place Friday, August 29th at 5 p.m., in front of the Stark Street branch downtown. This action is organized by the Coalition Against the Recall, a coalition of individuals, members and representatives of a number of citizen organizations who oppose the recall of the four school board members who voted for the ouster of Robert Blanchard, former Superintendent of Public Schools.

The Coalition opposes the recall because it views it as racist and

divisive. They agree that the four board members voted correctly against Blanchard because he failed to take effective action to carry out the demands agreed upon last fall with the Black United Front for quality education and community involvement.

The reason for the boycott and picket of Ben Franklin is because Robert Hazen, Chairman of the Board of the Corporation was responsible for initiating the recall move and the offices of the Corporation have been used to conduct meetings for the recall organization.

After the Black United Front announced a boycott of Ben Franklin the Corporation publicly announced itself disassociated with the recall move. The Coalition views this action as coming too late after the damage had already been done and the prestige of the Corporation already publicly associated with the recall move.

For the last four Fridays, the Coalition has organized pickets of different branches of Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of boycotting and exposing the role of the Corporation in the recall move.

At their initial meeting the group also agreed to work on the boycott of Lloyd Center, except for the grocery stores, initiated by the Black United Front because prominent executives of the corporation are behind the recall move.

The Coalition's founding meeting was on July 9th of this summer. Fifty people attended including members and representatives of the Black United Front, Citizens Party, Citizens for Community Unity, National Lawyers Guild, Gray Panthers, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah
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On August 13, 1980 a second meeting was held between the Uhuru Executive Council, community supporters and prison officials. Members of the Uhuru Executive Council are as follows: Coordinator Asmar Abdul Seifullah aka Joe West; Parliamentarian, Malik Ali Aka Alvin Cannel; Treasurer Charles Gilbert; Ways and Means Committee Warren Edings. The community support group consisted of Ron Herndon, Black United Front; Freddy Petett, Urban League Director; John Mathis and Bob Hughes - U.S. Justice Department Community Services Division. Prison administrators present were: H.C. Cupp, Superintendent; J.C. Keeney, Assistant Superintendent; Larry Roach, Executive Assistant Superintendent; Don Spangrud, Personnel Manager; Ron Martin, Case Manager.

Even though this is only the second meeting held in conjunction with the racial discrimination grievances voiced by Black prisoners, it's becoming visibly clear that the issues are valid and that there must be a meaningful resolution made eventually. The people involved are deeply committed to the concept of change and in the eyes of those involved the Corrections Division hasn't ever employed Blacks in administrative positions. The role of Blacks in state corrections has been confined to parole and probation officers, correctional officers and two Black counselors - one at O.S.C.I., and one at O.S.P.

The positions mentioned are without substance or power and when the cut backs are made these areas are first effected. Let it be noted that there are no Blacks in decision making roles or on the policy making level.

It was also pointed out that the Corrections Division doesn't even employ a Black janitor to sweep the floors of the criminal justice system that governs the lives of so many Black people. This in itself should give you an idea of the degree of racism that exists in this system and the degree of effort its going to take to change at least part of it.

"So why are Black prisoners suddenly interested in who does what to whom in state corrections?" Basically the answer to that question lies in the fact that Oregon is the number one state in the nation for incarcerating Blacks. Also because the second largest concentration of Blacks in the State of Oregon happens to be in the criminal justice system and also that if Blacks caught in this racist system are ever going to realize true rehabilitative programming there must be other Blackfolk directing that programing. Change must come from within the system - riots, hunger, strikes etc., are self destructive mechanism that only destroy the goals and objectives of the oppressed. Essentially what Uhuru and its supporters are trying to do is change a system that is inherently and balantly racist in design and practice. Racism of this nature leads to mental genocide, moral corruption and physical discrimination in program treatment and programing.

What makes this system racist? The system is racist because 15% of the people incarcerated within the system are without ethnic or cultural representation. When all the evaluations made are done according to white middle class values - racism exist! When there isn't one Blackman or woman on staff that can make an independent decision - racism exist! These few facts clearly illustrate a state of complete racism that hasn't ever considered its im-

pact upon the lives of minority prisoners.

John Mathis stated that O.S.P. is a white racist institution from top to bottom simply because there aren't any Blacks in management. Someone representing the O.S.P. administration stated that the head of the Corrections Division is a full-blooded Indian and Ron Herndon countered with the analogy that Indians also rode in the U.S. Calvary. Brother Ron also stated that the State Corrections Division and Oregon State Penitentiary are wide open for a racial discrimination suit. Sister Freddy Petett sighted various civil rights bills and affirmative action clauses that would allow for the immediate hiring of Blacks in the corrections system. J.C. Keeney agreed to use the Urban League and the Black United Front as recruiters for Blacks in the future. Also it's my understanding that a Black psychologist will be hired either full time or part time in the near future.

At this state it's my honest opinion that there is headway being made but we are still a long way from our goals. No one is going to be soft talked into passivity. We will maintain our commitment and thrust until something change around/inside these walls.

There will be half truths, near promises made that won't materialize anything but that's all apart of the game. The most important aspect is that Black prisoners and the Black community supporters have come together to attack the one-eyed giant called racism. Just as sure as David slew Goliath, we shall slay this beast that has been consuming our dreams, goals and births of our sons and daughters.

May Allah strengthen us against the seeds of disunity and may we win the freedom and equality that's been denied us for so very long.

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR
BY TOM BOOTHE
From the front door, I witnessed the second summer youth project sponsored and directed by the House of Exodus, Youth Division. During the summer of 1979, the House of Exodus sponsored and directed a summer youth project that was known as the Theatre Alcohol Awareness Project (TAAP). According to the Department of Labor, it was one of the most productive and creative use of youth energy in this region. The concept as a program gained national attention and went on to become apart of the Senate Hearing Committee's Agenda.
Many of the youth participated in that project came back time and time again to thank the House of Exodus for giving them the opportunity to spend their summer in an exciting adventurous way. Many of the teachers and parents of some of the kids called to say that the kids who had been in the TAAP (Theatre Alcohol Awareness Project) program had a more positive attitude toward education than they did the year before. All in all the Project was extremely successful as a Positive Constructive Productive way for youth to learn and spend their time during the summer.
This year, Summer of 1980, the City of Portland, Department of Human Resources CETA funded the same project, but this time there were more community kids and Black kids in the program, again, according to the Department of Labor representatives and the City of Portland and the House of Exodus has achieved another smashing success contributed to the benefit of the citizens and children of N.E. Portland.
Next week the participants in (TASAP) Theatre Alcohol Awareness Project and credits...
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In order for one to have a well balanced and the most productive life possible there should be about 8 hrs. spent in the creation and production of material values. The next 8 hrs. should be spent on the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. The final 8 hrs. should be spent on reflections of things of a spiritual nature. After each 16 hrs. it becomes important to reflect on the spiritual dimension. One should get away and retune and realign himself to the awareness of natural phenomenon; this practiced scheduled will strengthen and expand ones capabilities immeasurably.
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