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It's going to be interesting to see how certain Reagan administration efforts against drug abuse are going to fare.

Chairman of the House committee on narcotics, Leo Zeferetti, says the current extent of drug abuse in the military cannot be tolerated if the United States is to be prepared to meet emergencies at an instant's notice.

A summer study of 2,000 servicemen in Europe and aboard ship shows the Navy has a greater proportion of abusers than the other services.

Sixty per cent of the personnel aboard the carrier Forrestal were found to use drugs while on duty. A quarter of the Navy junior enlisted personnel surveyed said they used marijuana or hashish daily.

The problem is not being ignored since the services have drug abuse

programs underway and the committee may be making new recommendations based on testimony from its recent hearings.

Another population area seeing increasing drug use is rural America.

In fact, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, rural areas seem to be catching up with urban areas.

Much of the abuse centers around marijuana, paint sniffing and misusing pain killers.

But at the same time these reports are coming out, at least 25 per cent of the NIDA's funds are being cut as of October 1st. Staff is being reduced from 400 to about 250 and its funds are being shifted to block grants for the states to handle with little or no federal monitoring.

Some NIDA and state officials are saying the cuts will mean signifi-

cantly fewer residential and outpatient programs to help drug abusers in rural and urban areas. NIDA deputy director James Lawrence says states will not feel the pinch for at least another year because of advance funding.

The government is stepping up its efforts on the foreign side to reduce opium growing. The U.S. has finally persuaded Thailand to crack down against opium growing.

U.S. narcotic agents say eradication of the opium crop is the first move in any serious fight against narcotics.

Opium production in the golden triangle, that's the adjoining borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos, amounted to 600 tons last year. That's enough to make 60 tons of heroin.

The big villain in this Southeast Asian drug scenario is a man named

Khun San. This man has a private army of 4 thousand and until now has been tolerated by Thailand because of his strong anti-communist image. Thailand had posted a paltry 2 thousand dollar reward for Khun San but now has raised that figure to 25 thousand.

Next month is to be the target date when the opium poppies are about a foot high. It's then that the Thai government, with American financial backing to the tune of 7 million dollars, will embark on crop destruction.

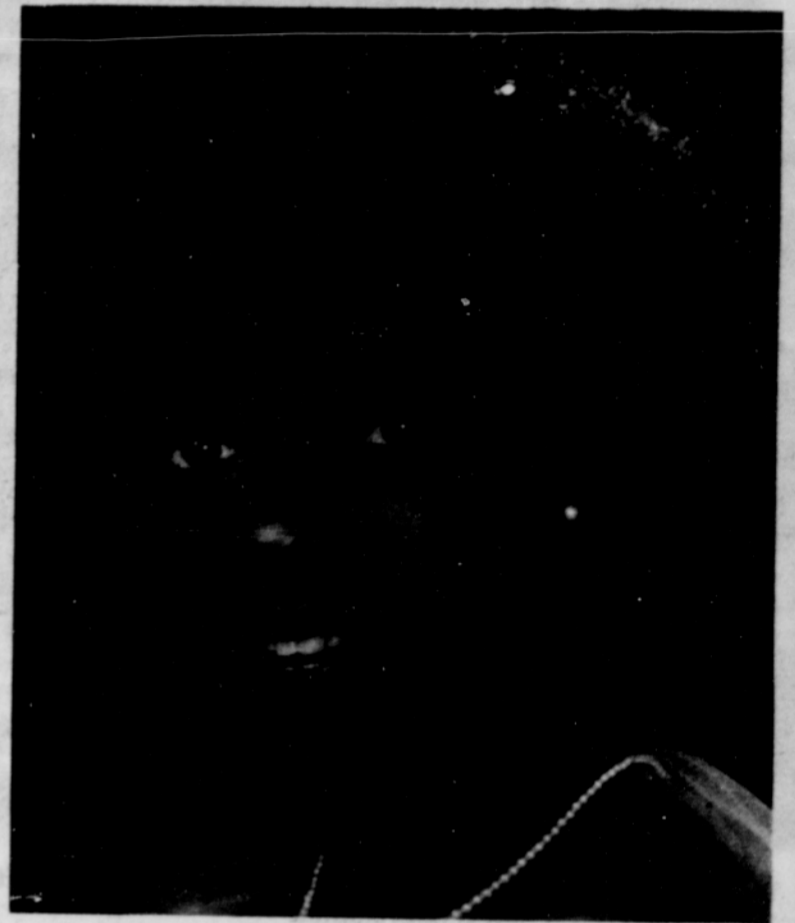
That government is again trying to convince farmers that coffee, kidney beans and certain other fruits and vegetables can be grown on the land.

For the sake of our communities and young minds, let's hope it works.

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Pacific Power Citizen of the Week



Vanessa Sykes, 1981 Rose Festival Princess from Jefferson High School, is studying performing arts and communications at the University of Oregon. Vanessa has been qualified in the "professional level" for all her performing arts classes.

At Jefferson, Vanessa studied performing arts and was a member of the Jefferson Dancers and the Performance Group. She was a member of Rally.

Her contributions to the community are many. She has a special interest in disabled children and for several years helped raise funds for the March of Dimes and the Red Cross Blood Program. She assisted public school teachers working with developmentally disabled children and was a counsellor for the YMCA.

Vanessa represents students on the board of directors of the North/Northeast Mental Health Clinic.

Her hobbies include dancing, skating, jogging and music. Vanessa is the daughter of Earl and Marilyn Sykes. She has a sister, Carmen, who is a sophomore at the University of Oregon, and a younger brother, Earl, Jr.

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From the Capitol

by Rep. Ron Wyden

NOTE: Each week, U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) reports from Washington, D.C., on what's been going on in the nation's capitol—key votes, key issues, key concerns. This week he reacts to the President's budget message.

Q. In his latest budget message to the nation Thursday night, President Reagan said his new round of proposed budget cuts are necessary to get the economy back on track. Do you agree?

A. Virtually all of us understand that cutting government spending is essential to restore the health of the economy. As sure as night follows day, high deficits mean high interest rates—and high interest rates are

poison for our economy.

What concerns me is that the President is once again sparing "sacred cows" such as the Defense Department and tobacco, peanut and sugar subsidies.

Once again, he's asking programs such as education for the handicapped and school lunches for children to bear the brunt while these favored programs escape with minor cutbacks.

He's asking school children to eat catsup in place of a vegetable, bean curds in place of meat, cake instead of eggs—while waste in the Defense Department is being allowed to continue virtually unchecked.

We can find economies in the

Defense Department and still have the strong defense we truly need.

We can also make cuts in other sacred cow programs—thus allowing us to retain funds for education programs for the handicapped and other such programs which allow our citizens to become self-sufficient, productive members of our society.

Q. What about the president's decision to restore minimum Social Security benefits?

A. I'm delighted that the president made that decision. It's certainly a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, the president did not go on to repudiate other pr-

posed Social Security cutbacks.

In all my years of working with senior citizens, I have never seen them as frightened as they have been since the president originally proposed severe cutbacks in Social Security benefits. Unfortunately, the president's speech still leaves them dangling in the wind with regard to what the future holds.

The critical issue now is for us to push ahead to enact responsible Social Security reform that protects the earned benefits of current retirees—while ensuring the integrity of the system for future retirees. I intend to do all in my power to see that such a reform is forthcoming.



From the Boardroom

by Gladys McCoy, County Commissioner

On Thursday, Oct. 29, 1981, the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners votes on an Ordinance upgrading the County's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program. The reasons for these changes are based on several needs for maximum participation of minorities in the MBE Program. When certain changes in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements relating to MBE went into effect in April, 1981, there was a need for the County to upgrade its program to include female and economically and socially disadvantaged firms; to expand the program scope to include goods, services and Professional Services contracts as well as constructions; to determine the certification process; to prove more workable incentives; to establish a ceiling for Minority set-aside to set goals for Minority and female inclusion. There was a limited amount of support from the MBE community for the County's present program.

Changes were made in the definition of "Minority" or "Minorities" to mean the traditional ethnic groups and to add Pacific Islanders and the economically and socially disadvantaged as defined by the Small Business Administration. The definition for MBE now reads to mean a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minorities, or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minorities and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more such individuals. (The County included a control factor in this definition.)

Women have been defined separately as Female Minority Business Enterprise (F/MBE) having the same definition as MBE, substituting "female" for "minority." The separate goals for each group can be set based on the availability and capability of each, respectively.

When the change is made to set goals in not only Construction contracts, but Supplies, Services, and Professional Services,

Multnomah County plans to have minimum goals by approximating MBE/FMBE participation in Construction: MBE 10%, FMBE 1%; Supplies: MBE .5%, FMBE 0%; Services: MBE 10%, FMBE 1%; and, Professional Services: MBE 7%, FMBE 2%.

Still another change in the upgrading reflects the abolition of the 1% preference system in the Incentive Program for Non-Minority Contractors since it has proven to be unpopular and ineffective. Presently a 1% preference system allows non-Minority contractors bidding to receive a 1% bid preference if they utilize certified Minority subcontractors in an amount not less than 15% of the total contract award. Since 1979, no steps have been taken by the County to implement and monitor the MBE year ago when my office began working with the Purchasing Division, Department of Administrative Services, to upgrade the program. This has been replaced by the Alternative to Incentive Program. The Alternative means local jurisdictions will utilize the mechanism whereby Minority Business Enterprise and Female Business Enterprise participation goals are set on a project-by-project basis, requiring the prime contractor to indicate F/MBE utilization equal to or greater than the project goal; or, indicate best efforts to attain that goal, to be considered a responsive bidder. The \$100,000 limit on the Set-Aside Program has been retained.

Finally, Multnomah County will be contracting with the City of Portland on the Certification process whereby the City of Portland becomes the agency which certifies that applicant MBEs/FMBEs meet all appropriate criteria for program participation. No provider will be considered unless he/she has been certified by the City.

Multnomah County's current Minority Business Enterprise Program scope is limited to construction projects let by the Department of Administrative Services through its Purchasing Division. It specifies that 10% of

the dollar value of projects costing less than \$100,000 shall be let to MBEs in closed competition.

My support for the passage of the County Ordinance upgrading the Minority Business Enterprise Program reflects my continued concern for implementing and monitoring County contracts to see the Minorities get their fair share of the awards. It is a good program. It is necessary. It is workable. It is consistent with our County goals and commitment to Affirmative Action. It ensures that Minority Business Enterprises and Female Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts, helping to build a stronger economic base for Minorities and females as well as for the community.

Multnomah County will present its 1981 Minority Business Enterprise Program to the community on Friday, Oct. 30, 1981, at the Minority Business Opportunity Day, at Memorial Coliseum, in the Assembly Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. I invite you to join us in this effort. This will be an opportunity for community members to become more involved in the County's

Flu shots set

Multnomah County, Community Health Services Division, is offering immunizations against influenza at both regular and special clinics in October and November.

Components of the '81-'82 strain are the same as last year and will include A/Brazil, A/Bangkok and B/Singapore.

Multnomah County is recommending that the following types of people be vaccinated against the flu: persons 65 years of age and over, persons with chronic pulmonary, renal, cardiac, or metabolic disease, persons with severe anemia, and persons with malignancies or immunosuppressive disease.

For additional information or any questions, please call Multnomah County, Information and Referral, at 248-3816.

MBE/FBE Program, learn about the technical aides, participate in the question and answer sessions, and be educated about MBE/FBE Program opportunities.

The achievement of Multnomah County's MBE/FBE Program goals and objectives depends on community input, support, and understanding as well as effective County management.

Help us develop and maintain a successful MBE/FBE Program.



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