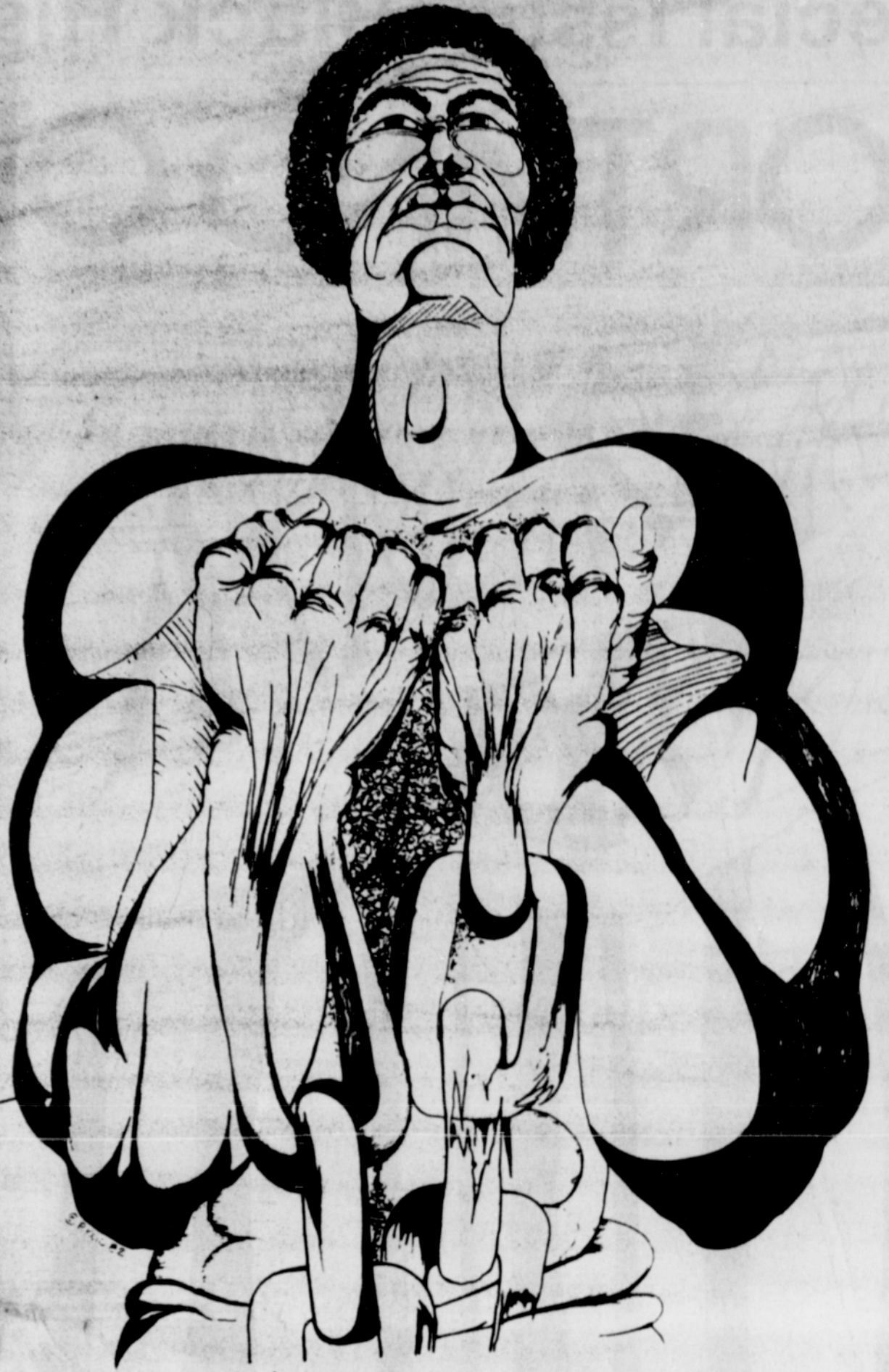


**We must break
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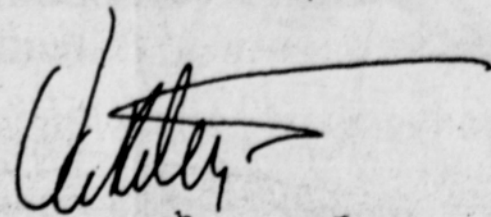
1982 marks the fifty-sixth anniversary of organized efforts to celebrate the month of February as Black History Month, initiated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History.

By calling attention to and recognizing the contributions of Americans of African ancestry to our culture, heritage, overall progress and development, the month of February thus serves to build goodwill and understanding between people for the general well-being of all people in our society.

In this spirit, as Governor, I hereby proclaim the month of February, 1982 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in Oregon. I urge Oregonians to join me in tribute to National Black History Month and to the message of courage, perseverance, freedom, equality and justice it brings to all of us.


Vic Atiyeh
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We appreciate the kindness of artist Phil Reid in allowing us the use of his drawings in this and our Martin Luther King issue. His work can be seen at the Broadway Gallery, 925 N.E. Broadway.