

# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
by Kathryn Hall Bogle



Dr. Erasmus Ogbuobiri, BPA planning electrical engineer, and Kalenga Muana, visitor from Zaire.

MR. KALENGA MUANA, the director and chief engineer of the National Electric Company of Lubumbashi, Zaire, (an area of Africa once a part of the Congo), was in Oregon briefly during the past week.

It took the cooperation of several agencies to arrange the visit for Mr. Kalenga, a participant in the International Visitor Program of the U.S. International Communication Agency. The Washington office of the African-American Institute arranged a national itinerary which gave the visitor a month's travel within the borders of this country.

Mr. Kalenga, educated principally in Belgium, speaks French, Swahili and Lingala. He was accompanied by a U.S. Dept. of State interpreter, Mr. Don Clark.

In Oregon Mr. Kalenga was a guest of the Bonneville Power Administration with Howard Farrington, electrical engineer at BPA's Celilo installation and Dr. Erasmus Ogbuobiri, a planning electrical engineer in the BPA Portland office acting as hosts.

The World Affairs Council of Oregon acted as local coordinator through Wanda Mays, the director of its Foreign Visitors Program.

Kalenga came to the United States to observe power generating and distribution systems in America. He concentrated on hydro-electric power generation and supply, but was interested in other energy sources as well (nuclear, thermal, coal-fired and solar).

Zaire, Africa's third largest country, is home of some of the world's oldest civilizations. About four times the size of Texas it has a population of 27.9 million with a single party political system headed by President Mobutu.

While Mr. Kalenga is in the U.S.A. he will seek to develop technical exchange and commercial opportunities in the energy field between the U.S. and Zaire, he said.

Zaire has the longest D.C. power line ever constructed in the world—the Inga-Shaba—which is expected to provide electricity for the mineral-rich Shaba region of Zaire. Mr. Kalenga is the senior official responsible for managing the Shaba Regional Power grid.

In Oregon, Mr. Kalenga visited the BPA Dittmer Control Center where computers are used to monitor and control the operation of the electric power system. Kalenga also was in Celilo at the D.C. Terminal which has installations similar to the advanced technology now being tested in Zaire. Mobutu is expected to commission the project later this year on Zaire's national day.

Top staff of BPA electrical engineers were present at dinner one evening in honor of Kalenga.

The Zairian and his escort will tour California installations before leaving the West Coast.

August tour to Victoria, B.C., Canada, is all sold out, and she can turn her attention to a Depoe Bay-Coos Bay tour for mid-September.

Standing with lesser are George O'Dell who was elected as a delegate to the Narfe Convention to be held in October in Denver.

Norman L. Minks, member of Chapter 29, has been elected treasurer of the state federation of Narfe Chapters. The Portland Chapter 29, the largest chapter in Oregon with 2,114 members, meets monthly at the Lloyd Center auditorium.

President, for the second term, is popular L.E. (Jack) Bracy for the local chapter. Earl Eggers of Eugene is retiring president of the Oregon State Federation. New president of the federation is Theodore Thorsen of Redmond.



National Association of Retired Federal Employees president Jack Brady of Narfe Chapter 29 (in background); George O'dell, formerly of IRS; Kay Lesser, Tour director, Chapt. 29; and Norman L. Minks, formerly of the Forestry Service.

THE BETA Sigma Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is growing.

Recently several graduate and undergraduate women were inducted in initiation ceremonies. Susan Busby and Ramel Moore are new graduate names on the roster with Rhonda Massey, Felecia Fisher and Magdaline Brister of the University of Oregon joining as undergraduate members.

Girls of high school age who were participating in the AKA program of "All Kinds of Action" were honored by the chapter after their high school graduation. Singled out at a tea at the home of Carolyn Leonard, Beta Sigma Theta scholarship committee member, were: Alicia Broadus of Benson, Pam Martin of Grant, Denise Williams of Grant, Carla Williams of Lincoln, Fawn McDaniel of Lincoln and Earlita Ward of Jefferson.

Nine young women received the "Finer Womanhood Award" for their involvement in school activities, with their church, and in their community while maintaining high scholastic achievements. They are: Dana Ford, Judy Hudson, Alicia Broadus, Felicia Buchanan, Sharon Maxwell and Carla Williams.

Tonya Drayden, a nursing school student at Oregon Health Sciences University, received the AKA annual scholarship grant to continue her studies.

Basileus of the Chapter is Barbara Williams.



Beauteous Barbara Williams of AKA congratulates 1982 scholarship recipient Tonya Drayden of Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing.



Mrs. Belton Hamilton: daughter Camille; Mrs. Tsuya Minamoto, mother of Mrs. Hamilton; son Konrad, and Judge H.J. Belton Hamilton.

THE 25th wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. H.J. Belton Hamilton was ushered in with joyous celebration by their many friends. The celebration, arranged by their adult children, Konrad and Camille, at the family home in West Linn, brought out a number of persons present at the original wedding and a trading of reminiscences. The former Midori Minamoto and the then Attorney Hamilton were wed at St. Philips Episcopal Church.

Along with congratulations to the silver anniversary pair were congrat-

ulations to Konrad and his sister, Camille, who both became college graduates in June. Konrad, who is interested in public history, expects to learn more about Whitney Young, his long-time idol. He expects to write a book about history some day, he says. Camille will be a cub reporter for *The Oregonian* during the summer but will undoubtedly hold to her intention of beginning law school in the fall, probably at her alma mater, Stanford University.



All Kinds of Action girls congratulated by Ms. Williams: Arieta Ward, Fawn McDaniel, and Carla Williams.



Ms. Williams congratulates recipients of 1982 "Finer Womanhood Award": Renee Harris, Jefferson; Dana Ford, Jackson; Janice Stiff, Wilson; Theresa Allen, Franklin; Felicia Buchanan, Cleveland; Carla Williams Lincoln.

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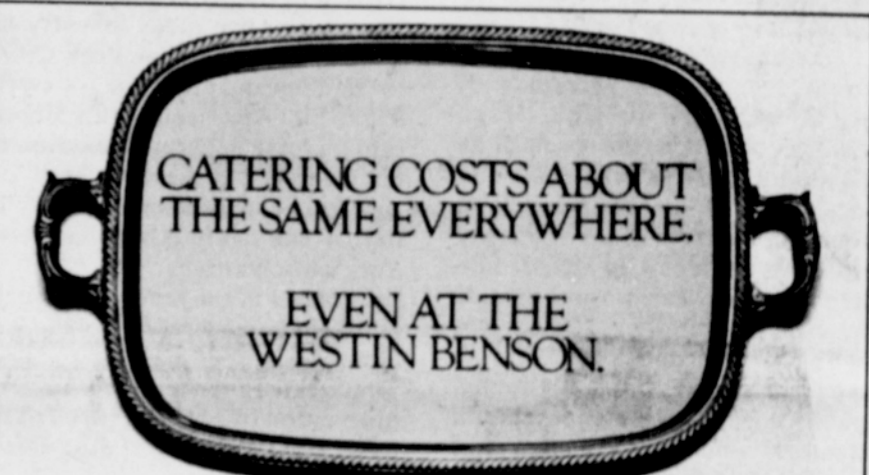
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