



OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

ONE OF AMERICA'S great Black men with insight into the history of the Afro-American was in Portland recently. He was in the city as a consultant to the curriculum of the Portland Public School District. A past dean of the school of education, Dr. Hilliard is a professor of urban education at Georgia State University.

Dr. Ernest Hartzog, assistant superintendent of Portland Public Schools, introduced the distinguished visitor to a closed regional conference breakfast meeting called by the local chapter of The Links at the Holiday Inn, Coliseum, during Hilliard's recent visit to the Portland Public Schools. is a theme of your conference," Dr. Hilliard said as he directly addressed the 50 women of The Links, Inc. Eyes twinkling, he promised, "I'm going to approach the subject in a way that may surprise you. I'm going to read something to you from the sacred literature of ancient Egypt, Africa. Some people may not know about it, but it yields the kind of verse that we today still use in the burial of our dead.

"These were the customs of Egypt. Some of these words are inscribed on the coffins of their dead and they are carved on the walls of tombs in the desert in the same way as we do in our cemeteries today.

"The sacred literature says, 'Serve God that He may protect you. Serve a wise person that he, or she, may serve you. Serve one who serves you. Serve any person so that you may benefit from it. Serve your mother and father that you may go forward and prosper. Examine every matter that you may understand it. Be gentle and patient so that your character may be beautiful. It is in the development of character that learning succeeds.... Learn the structure and function of the sky. Learn the structure and function of the earth.... The good fortune of the wise is their excellent advice."



At fund-raiser dance, the Committee to Elect Roosevelt Robinson strikes up the band for Attorney Robinson to become Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge, Dept. 5. (l-r) James Morrison, Campaign Treasurer, directs the band, Fannie Morrison, Sherry Stratton, Attorney Carla Gary, Co-chair, Attorney Ancer Haggerty, Co-chair, Julia Haggerty, Attorney Roosevelt Robinson, guest of honor, Jan Walker, Campaign coordinator and Attorney Ken Walker.

(Photo: Lonnie Bradley)

Hilliard put aside his reading of the African scripture and began to bring his audience to the consideration of the present. "Socrates said, 'Man know thyself,'" Hilliard pointed out. "Socrates, a famous Greek, was a student of the Egyptians. Aristotle studied in the libraries of Egypt.

"Excellence begins with self-knowledge. In 1968, there began a series of reports on the quality of education in the United States. They read much like the reports that are written today on the quality of education. In 1968, Charles Hamilton wrote an article on excellence in education called, 'Race and Education: A Search for Legitimacy.'

"Hamilton pointed out that in all of the articles on excellence in education in America, almost no one spoke about the quality of education for Black people in America. They did not address our needs except as they were incidental to the needs of the general population. Our needs have come from a special experience unlike that of any other people," Hilliard said.

"We came here as slaves ...and still are subjected to ...may I say, 'special distinctions' which, boiled down, are new kinds of de facto segregation, especially as they are reflected in the schools. We have special needs, even at this point. The types of excellence we need are not even discussed," Hilliard said.

Dr. Hilliard went on to clarify and to outline what he, as an educational psychologist and a historian, well-seasoned in African history as well as Afro-American history, believes to be the right of every Black child. "I believe," he said, "that it is the right of every Black child to possess in his education: 1) calculus, before he leaves high school; 2) he or she should have two foreign languages; 3) he should be able to read and write in English and to count. It is not out of the realm of possibility," he insisted. "These things can be done."

Hilliard briefly reviewed a bit of the history of other races in this aspect: The Chinese people in our own America, the Jewish people and the Dutch people in South

Africa, when they, as minority groups, were placed in a land of strangers. He compared, and found similar, their successful efforts at preserving their own histories, their language and customs while they lived within a strange culture. "They understood," Hilliard said, "the connection between history and culture, and the connection between economics and power. They taught their children. Those Dutch people who now run the country in South Africa did not learn Zulu, they had the Zulus learn Dutch. That was the cause of the Soweto riots—an argument over history and culture and power," Hilliard pointed out.

Other excerpts (some paraphrasing) from Hilliard's address included such driving thoughts as: "Excellence is not just access to benefits—something else must be acquired. That something else is a sense of 'we'; a sense of group identity, a sense of history and a sense of power to act on our own in the world. We must have a restoration of a sense of our own history and of our culture."

Hilliard, before he left the podium, offered challenging suggestions to civic groups to



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achieve a start toward this needed restoration. He mentioned practicalities such as schools after regular school hours for Black children, volunteer tutorial services, opening private homes for classes, the purchase of books, and taking part in literacy programs for any of our 30 million Black people who need it.

THIS IS A PICTURE of Ron Fuller. Where is he going? Ron Fuller is going to the Ebony Fashion Fair at the Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach. The date for the famous traveling show of the Johnson Publishing Company is for Friday evening of April 27th at 8:30 p.m. The Portland Chapter of The Links, Inc., will be hostesses for the 13th year for this annual charity event.

Ron is one of the two male models with the Fashion Fair. The other male model is Ron's twin brother—identical twin brother.

Ten female models will show fashions selected by Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, producer and director of the show. The million-dollar wardrobe has been chosen from the salons of Halston, Stephen Burrows, Christian Dior, Bill Blass, Valentino, Missoni and others.

To support the models, their commentator and the show's music director, the stage and business managers, as well as the wardrobe staff, travel with them in the EFF special chartered Greyhound bus. In this year, 1983-84, EFF will have visited 177 cities before disbanding in May.

In each city, EFF is under the sponsorship of a charitable organization. In Portland, The Links, Inc., the show's local sponsors, have given away thousands of dollars to local agencies and interests. In the past, the profits of the show have gone to such agencies as Multnomah Association for Retarded Children, the Portland Art Museum, the Visiting Nurse Association, the Kidney Association of Oregon, Raphael House, the Urban League, the Phil Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Tucker-Maxon Oral School, the Black Educational Center and many others.


For this year, a share of the benefits will be paid to the North Port-





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land Nurse Practitioners Clinic, directed by the Albina Ministerial Alliance, an organization of 70 ministers of that area. The program is under the direct supervision of Mariah Taylor, R.N. The United Negro College Fund and The Links Educational Scholarship Fund will be among the beneficiary organizations. With awareness that cancer has taken the lives of several of its members over a period of years, the local chapter will also give some of the profits of this year's fashion show to the American Cancer Society.

Clementyne Guy, general chair of the Portland presentation and Jacquelyn Brown, co-chair in charge of ticket sales, are noting a heavy demand from early ticket buyers who remember the SRO situation of last year. They warn that reserved seats are not for purchase—and blocks of seats may not be held for those arriving late. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The Ebony Fashion Fair begins at 8:30 p.m.



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