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## Dr. King's first national holiday

Citizens of all race, creed, and color honored the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this past Monday. It was the first national holiday for a Black in this nation's history.

It took almost 18 years after the slain civil rights leader's death in Memphis, TN, before this country honored Dr. King. Those who fought for the passage of the King holiday had to be elated with the celebration that occurred around the country in remembrance of the civil rights activist.

Events were held between Jan. 15, Dr. King's birthday, and Jan. 20, the official observance of the King Holiday. Locally, some of the many events held included a luncheon sponsored by the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund at the Red Lion/Lloyd Center. Proceeds went to the King Scholarship Fund.

There were also many programs held in various schools and churches as a tribute to King, as well as special programming on local radio stations.

At the State Capitol in Salem, a

march and ceremony were sponsored by the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. After marchers walked around the Capitol, speakers included Rep. Margaret Carter (D-Portland), Ron Herndon, co-founder of the Black United Front, Gov. Vic Atiyeh, and others.

Nationally, television programs honoring Dr. King included a program hosted by singer Stevie Wonder. Wonder had fought a personal crusade to make a national holiday for Dr. King. The show was produced in Atlanta, Washington, and New York.

In Washington a bust of King was unveiled in the Capitol Rotunda. Dr. King's wife, Coretta Scott King met with President Reagan in the Oval Office.

In Atlanta, GA, South Africa Bishop Desmond Tutu received the King Peace Prize by the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change. Bishop Tutu said that he will use Dr. King's methods of non-violence to dismantle apartheid in South Africa.

## Auto accident claims lives of local minister and wife

by Jerry Garner

Portland's Black community and the city lost two of its outstanding citizens last Thursday when Rev. John Garlington and his wife, Yvonne were killed in an automobile accident in central Florida. The Garlingtons were en route to Portland after a speaking engagement.

Since arriving in Portland from Buffalo, NY, in 1977, Rev. Garlington has been active in many social and civic organizations. He was involved in such community matters as police-Black relations, education issues, and economic problems.

Rev. Garlington was pastor of Maranatha Church, president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and a member of the Portland Police Internal Investigation Auditing Committee. He was to become president of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon on Jan. 26.

Rev. Garlington was always a leader in protesting injustice in the city. When officers threw a dead opossum in front of a Black restaurant, Rev. Garlington was one of the hundreds of individuals who marched downtown to protest the incident. He was one of the organizers of the one-day boycott of Black students, protesting the location of Tubman Middle School.

Rev. Garlington was born in Buffalo, NY. He was raised by his mother after the death of his father, who was also a preacher. He attended Cleveland Baptist School of the Bible in Cleveland, OH. Before coming to Maranatha as pastor, Rev. Garlington served as minister in churches in Cleveland and Buffalo.

Rev. Garlington and his wife Yvonne had five children: John, Gayle, Athena, Mark, and Matthew. Last Sunday a memorial service was held at Maranatha for the Garlingtons. Funeral service for the couple was held at Maranatha. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has established a memorial fund for the Garlingtons' two teenage sons.



Friday at Maranatha Church about 50 people gathered to mourn the death of Rev. John W. Garlington and his wife Yvonne who died in an auto accident in Florida Thursday. Judy Dials, away from the rest of the group, weeps at the passing of the couple during a news conference called at the church. [Photo: Richard J. Brown]



To celebrate the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Herb Cawthorne presented an oral rendition of some of the speeches of Rev.

King. The performance was given at Maranatha Church, Jan. 15 to a near-capacity audience. [Photo by Richard J. Brown]

## USDA cheese distribution

Mass distribution of USDA cheese and butter to low-income Multnomah County residents sponsored by the Interagency Food Bank and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Residents who meet low-income requirements are asked to go to the location which distributes to their zip code. They may call the "Cheese Hotline" for this information, 234-0271.

Residents will need to prove their current address by furnishing a driver's license, a voter registration card, OR a current utility bill plus one of the following: Social Security card, or a

food stamp card, or a medical card.

Persons unable to travel to a distribution site may authorize, in writing, a friend or neighbor to pick up the commodities at the authorizing person's zip-code designated site.

In Northeast Portland, zip codes 97211, 97217 (east of I-5), and 97227 will be served at Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby; zip codes 97212, 97213, 97218, and 97232 will be served at Grant High School, 2245 N.E. 36th; North Portland residents with zip codes 97203, 97217 (west of I-5), 97229, and 97231 will be served at Roosevelt High School, 6941 N. Central.

## "Reassignment Race" Forum

"Reassignment Race" will be the theme of a Winter Forum, sponsored by Church Women United in Portland. The event begins at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, at Mount Olivet Baptist Church at 116 N.E. Schuyler St. (near Lloyd Center).

Four panelists will lead the discussion. They include Rev. John H. Jackson, pastor of Mount

Olivet; Ron Herndon, director of Black United Front; Jeannie Hartzog, director of Northeast Sylvan Learning Center; and Kay Toran, director of State Affirmative Action.

For further information please contact Alyce G. Robinson coordinator, at 281-4850. The event is free and the public is cordially invited.