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Your Civil Rights Are Protected

If you are eligible for health care, public assistance, or social services, you cannot be denied these benefits because of your race, color, national origin, or because you are handicapped. That's the law. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects you against discrimination because of your race, color or national origin. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects you against discrimination because of your handicap.

These two laws mean that regardless of your race, color, national origin, or handicap, you have the right to receive and participate in any program, activity, service, or benefit that receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Some of the institutions or programs that may be covered by the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI and Section 504 are: nursing homes; hospitals; home health care; Medicaid; Medicare Part A; community mental health centers; alcohol and drug treatment centers; family health centers and clinics; State and local public assistance agencies; day care centers; senior citizen centers; and nutrition programs.

There are many forms of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, or handicap. The Department of Health and Human Services has regulations which prohibit such discrimination, including:

- Denying services, financial aid or other benefits provided as a part of health or social services programs;
- Providing different service, financial aid or other benefits in a different manner than that provided to others under the program;
- Segregating or separately treating individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any service, financial aid or other benefits;
- Treating individuals differently in the determination of their eligibility for services;
- Denying individuals the opportunity to participate in a program by providing them a different program;
- Selecting sites for the delivery of service in a manner which has the effect of excluding individuals from services;
- Denying an individual the opportunity to participate as a member of a planning or advisory board;
- Using criteria or methods of administering programs which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination.

Discrimination usually has a significant adverse effect on the opportunity of minorities and handicapped persons to gain equal access to services. Although discrimination is often subtle and difficult to single out as a factor limiting equal access to services, the following are some clearcut examples of discriminatory treatment:

- A local office of a state welfare agency did not provide adequate bilingual services to persons with little or no English speaking skills, even though the office was located in an area with a significant number of Spanish-speaking persons. This had the effect of denying services to such individuals.
- A hospital did not have a telecommunication device for the deaf (TTY) in operation during all hours. This had the effect of denying services over the telephone to persons with impaired hearing.
- A Mexican-American teenager and his white friend were injured in a car accident. The white friend was admitted to a nearby private hospital. The Mexican-American was sent to a county facility one hour's drive away when there was no medically-related reason for doing so.
- A family health care center held its pre-natal classes on the third floor of a building without elevators. This had the effect of excluding handicapped persons from participation in the classes.
- A nursing home placed only Black patients in the older wing of the facility.

To assist individuals to understand and secure their rights, technical assistance is available from the Office of Civil Rights. If you need assistance understanding your rights, you can contact the Office of Civil Rights and ask for assistance.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, or handicap by a social service agency, hospital, physician, health clinic or any other institution receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services, and you want to file a complaint, write to the Regional Manager of the Office of Civil Rights at the address given below. You must file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights in writing within six months from the time you were subjected to discrimination. When you file a complaint, be sure to include the following information in your letter:

If you live in Alaska, Oregon, Washington or Idaho, you should mail your letter to: Regional Manager, Office of Civil Rights, Region X, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2901 Third Avenue, M/S 510, Seattle, Washington, 98121, Phone: voice (206) 442-0473 or TTY (206) 442-7486.

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EDITORIAL / OPINION
The Greatest Cover-Up In U.S. History ...?

Students at Cal State in Fresno were concerned about a report by Japanese pilots of a huge so-called UFO over Alaska on the first day of last year. I told the students, such sightings have become increasingly the experience of an ever growing number of people-world wide.

Hardly a week goes by that some people are not seeing and reporting sightings of these so-called UFOs. Articles concerning such are proliferating. They range from the well researched, to the ridiculous. However the source of the objects of such articles are neither ridiculous nor unknown. The UFOs are not unidentified. Does the American government believe that those who built and fly such craft are ignorant of what they built and fly? Are the planes unknown to those who fly them?

As it was reported during a Larry King television program, Amerika is involved in a cover-up that makes that which former President Nixon was involved look like child's play. It makes the talk of the current so-called Iran Contra-Arms-Money etc. problem of the present administration, seem insignificant.

Deeper, however, both the Nixon and the Reagan administrations, as well as every administration from Franklin D. Roosevelt's to the present, have been and are involved in concealing from the American public what they know of this plane. What they hate to admit in that USA nor the USSR control the destinies of men and nations. That huge plane in the sky, and its fifteen hundred smaller bombing planes, are just some of the indicators that we have arrived or lived to see a brand new day.

Just imagine a plane approximately 500-600 feet more than double the height of the Empire State Building, if it was placed on one edge. Now imagine it going up over the skyline of, let us say New York or Chicago. Now picture it settling horizontally up over either of those two big cities. Let us say that we are looking at New York City from the New Jersey side, or at downtown Chicago from 50th on the lake, and you see this huge plane over tall buildings. Frightening, isn't it. This plane is the reality that Ezekiel saw in vision.

Perspectives



by Professor McKinley Burt

Blacks, Land And Family

Part III

Let me thank the readers for their very favorable response to this series on 'Lands and Families'. It is rewarding to have chosen a subject that has proven to be of such intense interest. I have been led to explore the possibility of sponsoring (with the help of this newspaper) A LAND AND FAMILY SEMINAR this fall. This event would bring to Portland several individuals who have had notable success in pursuing these types of economic goals. Suggestions from readers would be greatly appreciated.

I will cite some specifics relative to our own city but, first, let me refer to another 'Southern Model'. In Southwest Georgia we have New Communities Inc., "the largest single mass of land in the United States owned and operated by Blacks." New Communities was the brainchild of Rev. Charles Sherrod, an intense young Baptist minister who shares management of the farm with Mr. Harrison Miller, a 23 year veteran extension agent of the Department of Agriculture. A variety of funding sources underwrote this venture; seven churches and individuals hold bonds totaling \$315,000, Broadway United Church of Christ in New York City holds a \$50,000 bond, Prudential Life Insurance Co. holds a \$625,000 mortgage on the land. Additional monies were secured from 50 foundations, and from other churches. This is just one of possible models.

Here in Portland there are few if any such models — even with UR-

BAN PROPERTY. There were a few successes before and during World War II, with Blacks owning some real estate on the west side; Mr. Fair with a multi-storied building on S.W. Washington (or Alder?) — and a Black group owning a hotel, restaurant, bar and barber shop near the west end of the Steel Bridge; along the Willamette River in the direction of 'John's Landing,' Blacks owned a number of waterfront properties — and may still own some of these (Mrs. Katherine Bogle, a local historian, is an authority on this early history).

I am most familiar with the Northeast community where, beginning in 1946, I was the accountant for many Black as well as white property-owning individuals and corporations. Most of these equities were wiped out by the Urban Renewal Programs (Urban REMOVAL). Black investments being replaced by Freeways, The Coliseum, and by white, privately-owned commercial enterprise. Gone were the many apartments owned by the Acme Business Club and The Fraternal Hall, along with the businesses owned by these groups of railroad workers and fraternal organizations. Gone were the millions of dollars in properties on N.E. Union and on N.E. Grand owned by a Black man who developed his wealth by circumventing prohibition (now laboratories and fast food franchises).

Soon to follow were the Black properties taken over by the Emanuel Hospital Complex, supported by tax dollars via the federal Taylor Act, among others. Later, Model Cities — funded by the government to "ESCALATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE MINORITY POOR" — gave the multi-million dollar complex, now the 'Cascade College Campus', to Portland Community College for \$1.00.

And later, the school administration preceding this one, obtained other Northeast lands — ostensibly for a warehouse, but which ended up as the commercial property of corporations. The former owners of the land, of course, received only the value at public condemnation. Was this planned from the 'get-go'? It has happened before!

■ To Be Continued

This government should know that it is extremely dangerous, to the health to Amerika, to continue her covert effort to destroy the poor.

I believe, it was Albert Einstein who once warned that "The splitting of the atom has changed everything save our mode of thinking and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe." He and many others, have, and still observe the fact that although there has been rapid growth in the grasp of many aspects of the physical side of science, and in its application, there has been very little development in the spiritual and moral realm. So we have a great many in high offices, in positions of great power, throughout the world, who in many respects act like children, who are not concerned with stimulating the spiritual and moral aspects of our humanity. As we proceed let us ponder the significance of the news stories reporting that Israel have over a hundred nuclear weapons. If we are approaching World War III, and we are, and if it is to break out in this decade, and it may, what then?

No wonder Mr. Reagan presses on his Star Wars Defense Initiative! He wants to put a platform out in space from which he can launch an attack on this plane! The sighting of a giant UFO "twice the size of any aircraft carrier" and two smaller craft by a Japanese commercial pilot was widely reported, and the radar sightings were confirmed by Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials.

The present wheel-shaped plane known as the Mother of Planes is one half-mile by a half-mile and is the largest mechanical man-made object in the sky. It's a small human planet, made here on earth for a purpose.

On a routine flight from Iceland to Tokyo, Japanese pilot Kenju Terachi and two crewmen saw three strange crafts which first appeared as three lights following their Japan Airlines jumbo jet, Flight 1628. As the jet crossed into Alaska from Canada at an altitude of 35,000 feet on a clear evening, the pilot said he saw three lights eight miles in front of him.

"They were flying parallel and then suddenly approached very close," said Capt. Terauchi, a veteran pilot of 29 years. The objects darted quickly and occasionally stopped suddenly, once in front of the cockpit. He saw Black pilots. Terauchi said he actually was a silhouette of the largest object. "It was a very big one-two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," he said.

Originally the FAA and the Air Force confirmed the large UFO appeared on the air traffic controllers' radar screens within five miles of the cargo jet, and officials admitted that the identity of the craft remained a puzzle after six weeks of investigation. It's one of the greatest wonders of man, in making military weapons, by Black Scientists.

CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNAL

Reagan's Supreme Court

by Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

Although we are witnessing the last days of the Reagan presidency, one of the lingering consequences of this administration will be the continued ultra conservative rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. Human rights, civil rights and racial justice groups throughout the nation are alarmed at the series of recent rulings by the Supreme Court. Many of these rulings infringe upon basic human and civil rights.

For example, the issue of unjustified, and in some cases illegal, search and seizure by the police has always been of great concern particularly to the African-American and other racial and ethnic communities. During the last 30 years both state and federal statutes have been made into law protecting the rights of citizens from unwarranted searches and seizure of property by the police. Yet, from the days of the Nixon administration to now during the Reagan administration the activities of different police agencies concerning this issue have been varied in terms of protecting basic civil liberties. Recently, the Supreme Court rendered a split decision, 4-to-3, that encourages illegal searches by the police.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia writing for the majority opinion attempted to rationalize and to make legal the admission of evidence that was secured in an illegal police search. Justice Scalia's opinion rested on the view that not to permit this type of evidence into court during the trial would place the prosecution "in a worse position" than had the illegal search not taken place. In other words, the Supreme Court's recent ruling places the needs of the prosecutor above the rights of the defendant or above the rights of the person who has been violated by an illegal search and seizure.

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall writing for the minority opinion stated "this ruling lends itself to easy abuse, and offers an incentive to bypass the constitutional requirement that probable cause be assessed by a neutral and detached magistrate before the police invade an individual's privacy." Justice Marshall knows all too well the history of police abuse when it comes to the issue of the privacy of one's person and property. The African-American community, during the Reagan administration, has been violated time and time again in nearly every region of the nation by unwarranted police searches and abuse. It is our hope that this latest ruling by the Supreme Court will not result in increasing police misconduct toward the African-American and other racial and ethnic communities.

The civil rights movement in the United States should be ever vigilant to guard against further encroachments of the rights of citizens by the police. We are thankful that Justice Marshall continues to be a voice crying out in the judicial wilderness of Reagan's Supreme Court.

The 1988 presidential election has profound implications for the future of this nation and of the world. A nation that lessens its regard for the rights of its own citizens is a nation that will lower its regard for the rights of all people in the global community. Therefore, we must serve notice to the Reagan Court that their rulings will not go unchallenged.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has given the Oregon Public Utility Commission approval to launch two new telephone assistance programs.

The FCC approved operating rules for the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) and

for Oregon's participation in a federal program called "Link-Up America."

Information about any of the telephone assistance programs administered by the PUC is available by calling a statewide toll-free number, 1-800-848-4442, or in the Salem area, 373-7171.