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GOLDSCHMIDT PROCLAIMS JUNE 21 AS "CHANEY, GOODMAN, AND SCHWERNER MEMORIAL DAY" TO COMMEMORATE YOUNG VOTING RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

Governor Neil Goldschmidt proclaimed June 21 as "Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner Memorial Day" to commemorate the young civil rights workers who were murdered in 1964 for registering African Americans to vote in Mississippi.

Goldschmidt's proclamation encourages "all citizens to join in this observance as living legacies so that the contributions of these and other civil rights leaders continue to benefit and to enrich our society."

"Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner Memorial Day" in Oregon coincides with the "Youth Freedom Caravan," a cross-country trek of young people who have committed themselves to a year of work for universal voting rights. The "Youth Freedom Caravan" has been organized by the Human SERVE Campaign to allow youth from Portland, Salem, Seattle and elsewhere around the country to join in commemorative activities scheduled on June 21-24 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Washington, DC, and New York City. The Oregon/Washington delegation leaves from Portland International Airport on Sunday, June 18, at 2:00 pm.

Goldschmidt's proclamation notes that "Freedom Summer began twenty-five years ago when thousands of dedicated students, organizers, teachers, and activists traveled to the South to fight for civil rights....Volunteers worked to register disenfranchised black voters so that more Americans would be able to participate in free elections, one of the democratic principles upon which this nation was founded...."

"Twenty-five years have passed since June 21, 1964," the governor proclaimed, "yet it is even more imperative that we continue to encourage the full participation of all citizens to register and to vote in elections, a privilege which Americans too often take for granted...."

Goldschmidt was one of hundreds of young Americans who registered

voters in the South during the Civil Rights Movement. Portland attorney Jake Tanzer worked for the U.S. Justice Department and developed evidence against the Ku Klux Klan in the murder of Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner. Seattle attorney Rita Bender was working in Mississippi with her late husband Michael Schwerner when he disappeared on June 21, 1964. Many other Oregon and Washington residents helped to break down the barriers of segregation through voting rights work then.

Today, a new generation of civil right and voting rights activists are being trained to help finish the struggle for equal rights and opportunities for Americans of every national and ethnic background. Nine high school and college students from Portland, Salem, and Seattle are part of that new generation. When they return from the "Youth Freedom Caravan" on June 26, they will begin a one year commitment to help their peers and community members become 100% voting participants in our governmental system.

Students from the Portland area include: Pamela Clegg, Michelle Robertson and Gina Yarbrough from Jefferson High School; Waleed Saddudin from Benson; Emily Baker from Milwaukie; and Madison High graduates Moses Gunesch and Bryan Weaver. Gunesch will attend University of Oregon in the fall; Weaver will attend Mt. Hood Community College.

From Salem: Tycian Bonneau, who will attend North Salem High School next year.

From Seattle: Ann Slater, who attended Seattle Central Community College and now works full-time for WashPIRG, the Public Interest Research Group. regional director for Human SERVE, organized the Oregon and Washington delegation, and will be accompanying these students.

The Northwest group will fly to Little Rock, Arkansas on Sunday,

June 18, where they will meet up with a bus of youth from Los Angeles area and tour major civil rights sites in the South. The young people will be meeting with civil rights activists from then and now to learn more about the struggle for universal voter registration.

On Monday and Tuesday, June 19-20, the Oregon/Washington/California group will tour through Mississippi and Alabama. One June 21, they will meet up with an estimated 16,000 people in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for the Chaney-Goodman-Schwerner Coalition's commemorative "South-North Freedom Caravan."

After a picnic in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the caravan will proceed to Washington, DC and New York City, where a day of voter registration work in New York will be followed by final ceremonies on Saturday evening.

While the 300 "Youth Freedom Caravan" students are in Washington, DC, they will attend workshops on voter registration issues, problems, and solutions. They will also have the opportunity to visit with congressional representatives on voting rights legislation currently before Congress.

When they return to the Northwest, these students will be working with Human SERVE director Margot Beutler on projects to get their peers and parents registered to vote.

Margot E. Beutler, Northwest Initial projects will be in the public schools and on college campuses. WashPIRG in Seattle will be working on a number of projects in that city.

Their goal will be to make the words of Goldschmidt's proclamation obsolete. The governor noted that full participation of all citizens to register and vote in elections is "a privilege which Americans too often take for granted."

Stay-Clean Celebrates Second Year



By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

For two years, now, the Stay-Clean, Inc. Resource Development Center has been providing a service in the community that addresses the issue of helping citizens remain 'free' and 'clean' of drugs and alcohol. This service is provided by a nonprofit organization and its name is Stay-Clean, Inc. Resource Development Center. On Saturday, the 24th of June, 1989, the Stay-Clean, Inc. group will hold its 2nd Year Anniversary Celebration in the Peninsula Park from 12 noon until dusk. There will be 3-4 bands entertaining, free food and visiting dignitaries from city and state offices.

The purpose of the corporation is to train, educate and re-educate citizens who have been and who are still handicapped from drugs and alcohol abuse which prevents them from experiencing the opportunity to earn a honest livelihood. Due to prison history, underprivileged living conditions, victims of racism, and long time unemployment, many of these individuals often turn out to be a drain and a liability to the community rather than an asset.

The purpose and over all philosophy of the organization will be to teach constructive productivity as opposed to disruptive and disruptive activities and helplessness.

Special training and educational skills are incorporated into the program with the help of outside community agencies, such as: community responsibility and respect, money management, secretary skills, computer science, clerical skills, data processing, automotive mechanics, good work habits, self-esteem development and more.

Mr. Thomas Mason, executive director/founder, says that there are presently 40 male in-patients. "This is not a half-way house but a 'transitional life'" adds Mr. Mason. "The men who occupy the seven houses have come from all walks of life;

some just out of prison, some were referred to us by the Justice Center and some came on their own. Just because they were tired of the life they were leading and what it was doing to them physically".

After a person has been in the program for the first thirty days, he becomes self-sufficient. He is then required to his own room and board and utilities. Each in-patient receives spiritual counselling because, as Mr. Mason says, "Its the inner man or the soul of the man that needs to be given attention".

Bishop Wells, pastor of Emmanuel Temple COGIC, is one of the board members who give insight and advice to the counselors and, if need be, to the in-patients. They are called "in-patients" because they have an illness and they came seeking to be healed.

While driving down Northeast Alberta Street one day last week, I came upon a most precocious looking car washing operation I was stopped and was asked if I wanted my car washed. I told the young man I had some errands to run but that I would return. I did. I pulled up in front of what seemed to be a residence, on the corner of Northeast 13th and Alberta. There were approximately ten young men busily scurrying about washing vehicles of persons who had been flagged down. It was not long before I discovered the reason behind the car wash and the identity of these washing the vehicles.

I was greeted by one fellow with the biggest smile, all over his face. I asked him for his name and the reason why he, in particular, was taking part in this activity. He said, "My name is Chris West. I am 31 years old. I am originally from Houston, Texas but now call Portland, home. I just came out of prison; but, I am so very happy." At that point, I needed to know what was behind that joy. "Do you know what? I was saved last Sunday. I gave my life to Jesus Christ because everything I was doing was just destroying it" he continued, "I had been in prison in 1985 for six months and I served my time and was

released. I had been out for 12 months and was busted 12 times. The last time I was facing 60 years imprisonment but five years instead. I went to court in 1987 and my time was then set at 17 months. I was released on the 5th day of June 1989." I continued our conversation. I asked him about his wife and if he had children. "I have five children" was his response, "and they are living with my mother and my mother-in-law. As for my wife, she is in prison and serving a twenty year sentence." I asked him, what is he going to do with the opportunity that has been given to him? He said, "I am trying so hard and I plan to make it this time....with the help of the good Lord."

Each morning, every in-patient is given an attitude check. Is it positive or negative and 'why'? Each of the seven houses has a house leader and an assistant house leader who are, themselves, successful in-patients -- who've gone through the program and are now able to help others find what they now know. That it is better to be a good, productive citizen, functioning in the community without the influence of the drugs and the alcohol. Without the arrest. Without the crack houses and prisons.

I spoke to the others: Richie Jones, 19; Glen O'Neal, 23; Kevin Howard, 37, who came in as a walk-in. Wife and children at Maranatha. In the program for 6 six days; David Hudson, 28, in program for 2 days. Was recommended by his fiancée; Lloyd Allen, 52, parole board recommended him to program; Dewayne Williams, 29, from Shreveport, Louisiana, has been in for 10 days; and Charlotte Sanders, m has been in the program for one and a half months; but, not as an in-patient. Presently there is not a facility for women; but the women are able to come for counselling and can attend the classes.

I pray the community join in with the Stay-Clean, Inc. on the 24th to give them positive re-enforcement, hand shakes and pats on the back.

To the persons in the program, "You Can Make It!"



MARTIN LUTHER KING MANOR

King Manor To Open July 1st

Martin Luther King Manor, located at 6620 N.E. 6th Avenue (the corner of 6th Avenue and Dekum Street), will be holding Open House on June 28th, 1989 between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Hope To See You There!

Wyden Hearing to Look At Portland Housing Issues

A U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Ron Wyden (D-3rd) will hold a hearing in Portland on Friday, June 23, to look into efforts to revitalize Portland neighborhoods and create more home ownership opportunities for lower income families.

The hearing of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Regulation, Business Opportunities and Energy will feature testimony by Portland Mayor J.E. "Bud" Clark and by individuals in need of permanent, affordable housing, who will explain the many obstacles they face in trying to house their families.

Also testifying at the hearing will be Multnomah County Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, Housing Author-

ity of Portland Director Don Clark, Portland Area U.S. Housing and Urban Development director Dick Brinck, and Oregon Housing Agency Deputy Administrator Sheila Baker. In addition, representatives of the Northeast Community Development Corp, REACH Community Development, Inc., the Portland Development Commission, and private sector remodelers and lenders will present their ideas on how to stimulate neighborhood revitalization and homeownership.

"The challenge of breathing new life back into our neighborhoods will require inventive input from the private sector as well as from all levels of government," Wyden said. "I expect this hearing to showcase the

many opportunities we have to forge creative partnerships that can put a new bloom on the Rose City's neighborhoods," Wyden said.

Rep. Wyden is the sponsor of legislation known as the Community Housing Investment Partnership (CHIP) Act, which provides a series of federal initiatives designed to revitalize run-down neighborhoods and provide low-income citizens with more housing opportunities.

The hearing, which is open to the public, begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th.

It's Official! Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Will Be Celebrated The Third Monday Of Each Year After Senate Passes HB 2705