

Ben Hooks Commentary Premieres

National Black Network announced the launching of the Ben Hooks Commentary radio program. The program is expected to be carried by more than 150 radio stations across the country. Dr. Hooks is executive director of the NAACP, the oldest, strongest and most effective civil rights organization in America. NBN will begin airing the program Mon., Dec. 18th.

The six days a week commentary will be 2-1/2 minutes in length and will focus on issues of major importance to the NAACP and African-Americans across the country.

Dr. Hooks, always a consistent and visible newsmaker, recently led a highly successful "Silent March" of some 100,000 persons in Washington, D.C. in protest against a series of adverse civil rights rulings by the Supreme Court and in a call to Congress for remedial legislation to correct those rulings. Shortly thereafter, he convened a meeting of representatives of over 100 national African-American organizations, in the nation's capitol, for a "Conference on the Present Crisis," out of which emerged a plan to establish a national clear-

inghouse that will track and coordinate efforts of the Black community to deal with its own critical, social, and economic problems.

Dr. Hooks, a dynamic and much sought after speaker, is regarded as one of the most powerful and influential leaders in contemporary America and his views are widely regarded as reasoned and authoritative.

The Ben Hooks Commentary according to Sydney Small, chairman of National Black Network, will fill a void for African-Americans across the country by giving them insightful information of particular importance to their lives and a balanced perspective on issues, not always addressed by the general media, as well as to inform them about the programs and initiatives that are being carried on by the NAACP and its local chapters.

National Black Network was the first Black-owned radio network in the history of America. Today NBN has the potential of reaching 80% of all African-American households each broadcast day.

National Council Of Negro Women Salutes Black Family Reunion Sponsors



CINCINNATI--National Council of Negro Women President, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, presents Procter & Gamble Senior Vice President, Marketing Services, Robert Wehling, with the Mary McCloud Bethune Award of Distinction in recognition of P&G's support of NCNW's Black Family Reunion Celebrations. Eleven brands from the P&G family of products, including Coast, Duncan Hines, Scope and Tide, participated in the 1989 Black Family Reunion.

Reunion activities included entertainment, workshops, speeches, health checks and film exhibits, as well as appearances by Malcolm Jamal Warner, Jesse Jackson, Melba Moore, James Ingram and Esther Rolle. The purpose of the Black Family Reunion Celebration is to combine service, information and entertainment with other activities in an effort to unify the community toward constructive action in the face of national concerns impacting the black family in education, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, health care and employment.

Durbin Appointed Director of 911

The appointment of Clay Durbin as director of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Communications (911) has been announced by Commissioner Dick Bogle.

Durbin, who has served as deputy chief and director of emergency communications for the Eugene (OR) Police Department since July, 1983, went to work Mon., Dec. 4th as the first civilian director of BOEC in four and a half years.

He replaces Portland Police Capt. Ed Davis, who was assigned to BOEC in May, 1987, two years after Mayor Bud Clark brought BOEC under the direct supervision

of the Police bureau. Davis is now working in Commissioner Bogle's office to implement the 911 bond levy approved by voters in May.

Prior to his Eugene appointment, Durbin served for four years as emergency communications director for the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, in Washington state. For six years before that, he was a sheriff's deputy in Whatcom County and Sonoma County, CA.

He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science, and a master's degree in public administration, both from Western Washington University.

Black Community Jobs, City Hall, and the AFI-CIO

Because the ERC/MERC Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunity and an Oregonian editorial (12/7 - "Jobs preference not enough") specifically call on organized labor to support giving hiring preference to minorities and to open apprenticeship programs, we thought you would be interested in reporting on this precedent-setting decision.

As you know, the trade unions have not historically been on the frontlines of the struggle for affirmative action for Blacks. While the outcome of the decision is not assured, we in the Rainbow Coalition are optimistic.

1989 Oregon AFL-CIO Convention resolution #64 "Affirmative Action" affirms labor's commitment to Affirmative Action "for correcting the centuries-old pattern of discriminatory employment practices and convention resolution #50 "Turning Back Racism" reaffirms labor's policy of aggressive struggle in defense of minority rights.

Portland's Black community leader-

ship is united in calling for 1) the City of Portland to comply with its own affirmative action plan, and for 2) the City and Metro to pass ordinances mandating that businesses receiving public subsidies give "first source" hiring preference to Portland residents, inner North/Northeast residents, and to Blacks, therefore be it.

Applying a resolution that the Northwest Oregon Labor Council go on record, and write the Mayor and City Council, in support of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission recommendations to bring the city into compliance on relevant EEO/AA standards, and in support of a "first source" hiring ordinance, which Mayor Bud Clark has agreed to propose to the City Council, and in support of a "first opportunity" hiring program, mandated by the 1989 Oregon Legislature for the Metropolitan Service District's Convention Center project, and recommended for city-owned facilities of the Exposition-Recreation Commission by their Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunities.

Two Joins Staff of Visitors Association

The Portland/Oregon Visitors Association announces recent appointments filling two principal staff positions.



Carol J. Sutcliff has been named Director of Finance and Administration. Sutcliff comes to POVA with 20 years experience in financial management for private business, non-profit organizations and government agencies. Most recently she was assistant administrator/manager of business services for the Adult and Family Services Division, State of Oregon. She was executive vice president of the Urban League from 1982-1987. Sutcliff will manage the association's central services and its membership development effort.



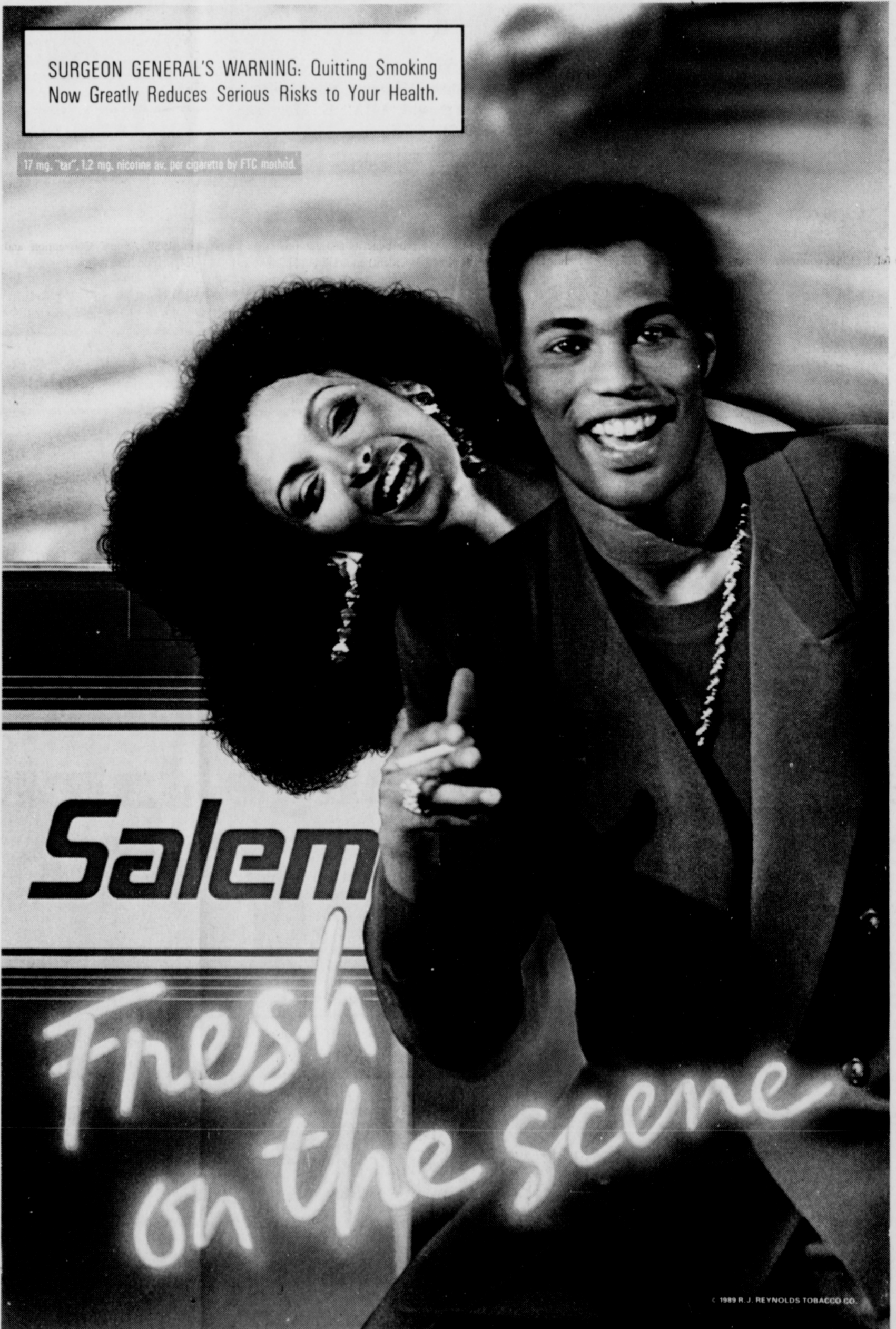
Dorothy F. Jackson has joined the association as Convention Sales and Services Associate Manager. Jackson is a 1982 graduate of Oregon State University who recently returned to Oregon after four years as a sales representative for Mutual of New York (MONY) in San Diego. She will focus on convention sales in the Oregon association market and oversee convention registration assistance.

With these two appointments, the association is once again fully staffed.



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