

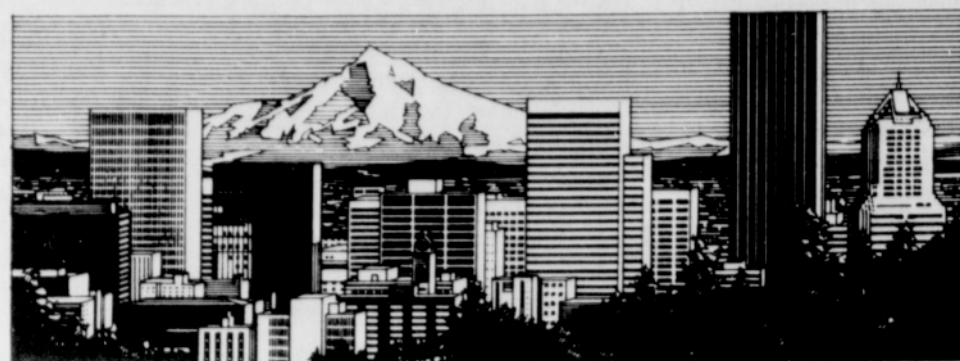
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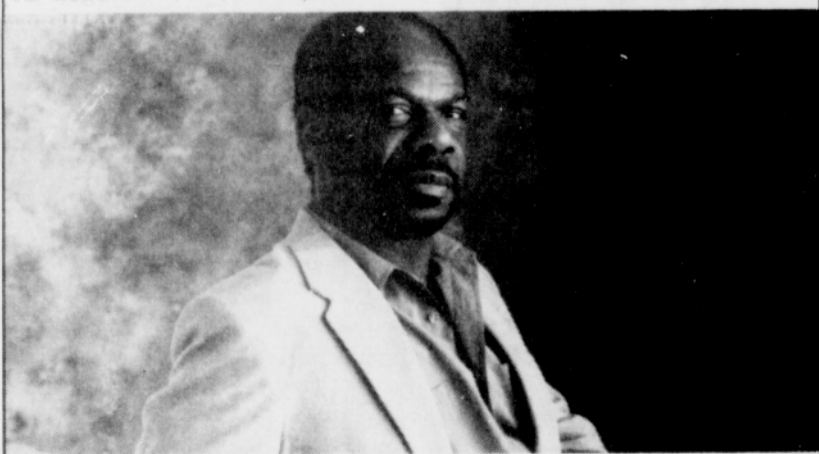
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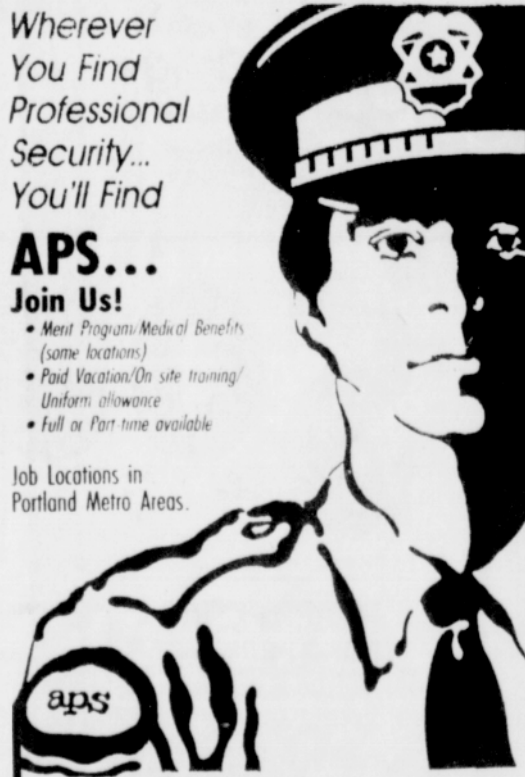


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President Bush Policy On Haitians

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The essence of the President's policy is clear. The lives of the Haitian refugees just don't matter. They are black, mostly poor, and they come from a country with no oil, natural resources or strategic value. The only "assets" these Haitians have to offer is a hunger for freedom and an enormous measure of courage. It's sad that the President of the United States places so little value on these classically American characteristics. Mr. Bush's policy regarding the Haitian refugees is based upon a foundation of crystal-clear racism. His executive order is one of the most

obscene and inhuman decisions made by an American President in recent memory.

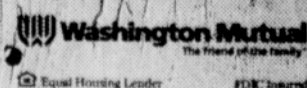
Recently, Katherine Dunham, the world renowned dancer and choreographer, ended a long hunger strike in support of the Haitian refugees. Dunham, well into her 80's and in failing health, was asked why she would risk her own life for this cause. She said that she wanted to make the world understand the struggle of some of the bravest people she had ever met. She went on to criticize the President for failing to protect those who were struggling for democracy in our own "back yard."

The courage, humanity and dignity of the Haitian refugees is clear. What remains to be seen is whether or not the President of the United States will overcome his "color problem" and see these people for who they really are. Their struggle is our struggle. I urge Mr. Bush to search his conscience. If he does, he will come to the conclusion that these people deserve our support and safe haven. The Haitian refugees deserve the same chance for freedom that has been extended to other oppressed people. Instead, the President is sending them back to certain peril.

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