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Black Cabinet Says Clinton Is Keeping Promise To African Americans

African American members of President Bill Clinton's cabinet said in a press conference during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week that the President was "aggressively keeping in commitment to a full partnership" with the African American community.

The press conference, hosted by Democratic National Committee Chairman David Wilhelm, included Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, and Alexis Herman, Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, who was the first African American chairman of the Democratic Party, said, "President Clinton promised that African American leadership would be an integral part of his Administration. He has kept his promise by not only appointing a history-making five African Americans to his cabinet but more than 300 other African Americans to key positions in the Executive Branch of the federal government. This is twice as many as any previous administration."

Herman announced the recent appointments by the President of Law Professor Mary Berry being named the first woman chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and Attorney Togo West as Secretary of the Army.

Secretary O'Leary and Secretary

Jesse Brown emphasized new policy and program initiatives taken by President Clinton having direct impact on the African American community, including Earned Income Tax Credit for low income families, Health Care Reform, Family and Medical Leave, comprehensive child immunization, and emergency unemployment compensation.

At the Congressional Black Caucus Dinner, attended by more than 5,000 President Clinton thanked the members of the Congressional Black Caucus for their support and partnership on key legislation passed by the U.S. Congress this year.

The President said, in his remarks: "A few days ago, we fought a battle in Vidor, Texas. Henry Cisneros, the secretary of Housing and Urban Development, went there to deliver our message loud and clear" No more discrimination and segregation in public housing.

"That message has also been delivered by the Attorney General, Janet Reno, in the areas of employment, education, hate crimes and voting rights. And we believe that districts drawn to increase the empowerment of minorities are good for America, not bad for America," the President said.

One of the popular activities during Congressional Black Caucus Weekend was a reception hosted by Democratic National Committee chairman Wilhelm and attended by more than 400 African American officials and leaders from throughout the country.

Governor Roberts Praises IBEW



Ed Barnes, Business Manager of IBEW Local 48, Wally Mehrens of the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades, and Greg Teeple, Business Representative for IBEW Local 48 look on as Governor Barbara Roberts praises IBEW Local 48's Metro Electrical Training Center to the Oregon AFL-CIO Convention delegates.

Governor Barbara Roberts cited the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) LOCAL 48'S Metro Electrical Training Center as the best example of private industry training workers for the future. Roberts praised the Metro training program to an audience of trade unions attending the Oregon AFL-CIO Convention at Portland's Hilton Hotel.

Emphasizing the importance of preparing the next generation of workers in the 21st century, Governor Roberts stated, "the IBEW Local 48 training center is a perfect example of labor and management working together to provide highly skilled training for workers. We need more apprenticeship programs that are built on that successful

model." The electrical union's labor-management cooperative training program, said Roberts, exemplifies the "long-term vision" and commitment to the future that she, as Governor, would like to help Oregon achieve.

The Metro Electrical Training Center was formed in 1963 by the National Electrical Contractors As-

sociation (NECA) Oregon-Columbia chapter and IBEW Local 48 as a cooperative labor-management effort to provide training and skills for union electrical apprentices and journeymen. Currently over 336 apprentices are enrolled in the program, and receive academic and hands-on training in the classroom as well as in the field.

Portland Public Schools Statement

The incident which occurred yesterday (Tuesday, Oct. 4.) after school near Jefferson High School was but the latest in a series of appalling acts of violence. While the response of both the School Police and the City of Portland Police was both swift and effective, the community--including those of us in the schools--have to find a solution to this situation and find it soon. Neither the community nor the schools can thrive in an environment in which people fear for their safety. Frankly, it has become increasingly difficult for teachers and students to focus on education when they see, hear or walk past such events on the street and in the neighborhood. Peace must be restored quickly and thoroughly so both schools and the community can feel free from fear.

**John Bierwith
Superintendent**

Dr. Tukufu Resigns From Urban League

BY DAN BELL

Last Friday October 1st Dr. Darryl S. Tukufu announced his resignation as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Portland Urban League.

Effective October 31, Dr. Tukufu has accepted a position with Lorraine County Community College located just west of Cleveland, Ohio. He has accepted the position as executive director of Public Services institute there.

Dr. Tukufu arrived in Portland 3 1/2 years ago. He came at a time when the local Urban League had lost some of its credibility and was in a \$400,000 deficit. Under his leadership the \$400,000 deficit was eliminated.

The actual budget has been raised from \$900,000 to \$1.4 million.

-Restored the integrity of programs and met or exceeded contract obligations.

-Restored the credibility of the Urban League in many parts of the business community and in race/ethnic communities.

-Instituted training in efficiency and Total Quality Management.

-Assisted in stabilizing the Urban League.

Employment Department and forming partnerships with local employers, assisted in the expansion of the League to operate a Male Responsibility Program, a IBM sponsored Computer Training Center, a Grandparents Support Program, an Alzheimer Support Group, a Street Academy, a Youth Employment Program and a Youth Leadership Development Program.

-Assisted in raising the League's role as an advocate.

Dr. Tukufu cited several reasons for leaving this time. Among them he observed that "the Urban League capable staff, board and other volunteers have all worked to bring the League back from the hole that it was stuck in, to now being able to stand on its feet."

The two most prominent reasons he stated were family considerations. A native of Ohio he is returning to the Cleveland area, where he will be in closer proximity to his family.

Second was the issue of diversity. He said his family was accustomed to living closer to areas of larger African-American populations. He missed activities and experiences that locales with larger African-American populations can

afford one with those interests. Although there are members of Portland who work toward diversifying Portland.

He states that "Portland still has a long way to go in this area. If diversity is to become a reality in this area institutions and communities of all types will become more open and inclusive."

In terms of his career Dr. Tukufu indicated that his career goal is to serve as a President for a community college. This move appears to be a step in that direction.

The Board of Directors of the Urban League will be selecting an interim director within the next two weeks. There will be a nationwide search and local candidates will also be considered in the effort to find a new president and C.E.O.

Ballet Opens

Scheherazade, the immensely popular dramatic ballet based on the exotic tales of The Arabian Nights, will return to Portland as part of a special tribute program to late Portland choreographer Dennis Spaight. The program kicks off Oregon Ballet Theatre's (OBT) 1993/94 Fifth Anniversary Season on October 7-10, 1993 at the Portland Civic Auditorium of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

Performances are at 7:30pm on October 7, 8, and 9; 2pm on October 9 and 10. The ballet, which caused a huge sensation when it was premiered in November 1990 by OBT, headlines a program commemorating the creative genius of one of Portland's most gifted choreographers and showcasing three of his celebrated works. In addition to Scheherazade, the program will feature Rhapsody in Blue and Gloria. The entire program will be accompanied by live music.

Domestic Violence Proposal Reaches Breakthrough In Negotiations

(Health Groups Agree To New Training Requirements For Medical Schools As Prerequisite For Federal Funds)

In an unprecedented move, health care groups announced their support of a proposal by Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) that would require medical schools to include domestic violence training or suffer cutbacks in federal funding.

The proposal was developed by Wyden following a March 1991 community forum in Portland which focused on domestic violence against women. Some of the witnesses who testified at the forum complained that they received inadequate physician care due to a lack of training in this area. In Oregon in 1990, the state police reported 18,000 domestic assaults, a figure believed to represent only a small fraction of actual domestic violence cases.

Wyden, who has worked on do-

mestic violence issues for five years, described the new announcement of support for his legislation an important step forward in the battle against domestic violence. "It just isn't right to leave these women in an isolated island of pain. Education and development of standards of care within the medical community must be at the forefront of our efforts if we are to end the cycle of domestic violence," Wyden said. The Oregon Democrat noted that as recently as 1992, none of the 126 medical schools polled by the Association of American Medical Colleges reported a curriculum on domestic violence.

Wyden and Boxer were joined by representatives of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Women's Association, the National League for Nursing, the NOW Legal Defense Fund and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Wyden says each year, 4 million women suffer physical abuse by a husband or boyfriend and one in four American women will be the victim of domestic violence in her lifetime, yet many health care professionals don't understand how to handle the issue. "This education has to start in medical school," Wyden said. "It is a good investment for the federal government to give hundreds of millions of dollars every year in loans to medical colleges and students to provide state-of-the-art medical education. It is not a good investment when medical colleges omit training in the identification and treatment of the number one cause of injury to women."

The Wyden-Boxer proposal, the Domestic Violence Identification and Referral Act which is being introduced on the eve of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, would require all health profession schools to incorporate an HHS-approved cur-

riculum on domestic violence two years after passage of the Act, or face a loss of federal grant funding.

The required curriculum must include significant training in identifying victims of domestic violence and maintaining records that include documentation of the examination, treatment and location and nature of the victim's injuries. Training must also include how to provide medical advice about the dynamics and nature of domestic violence and referring victims to entities that provide services to victims of domestic violence.

The proposal has a hammer effect to encourage compliance: the federal government will invest in health profession schools only if they train their students about domestic violence which is the number one cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44.

Beginning in FY '96, schools not meeting the curriculum require-

ment in the bill could receive no more than 95% of the prior year's Title VII grant money. These are grant programs for developing training and other special programs received by virtually all medical and health profession schools. For each subsequent year the school fails to comply with the Act, the potential award would be reduced an additional 5%. After the fourth year of noncompliance, the school should receive no federal funds until they were adequately teaching their students about domestic violence.

Wyden said, "It is vital to America's future that we have preventive medical care for battered women. With violent behavior in the home often passed from one generation to the next, a properly trained physician can help spare not only the pain of the battered victim but also the pain of the generation to follow."