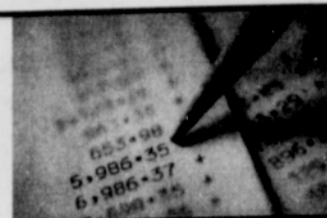


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Worldwide trends new phenomenon

Africa is experiencing a new economic trend, the emergence of transnational corporations.

A report by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development attributes the rise of TNCs to the ongoing liberalization of investment and trade and the increasing privatization of state-run corporations in Africa.

African TNCs include the Anglo-American Industrial Corporation of South Africa, the largest in the region; Barlow Rand Ltd., a South African conglomerate; Conserverie Cheriffiennes of Morocco; and consolidated Copper Mines Ltd. of Zambia.

The report notes that the TNCs are active mostly in retailing, banking, brewing, tourism and satellite television.

A salute to Portland women in non-traditional jobs



Ken Fry and Stacy Elkins of the Metro Electrical Training Center in northeast Portland receive award from Cynthia Myers of the Oregon Civil Rights Office of the Oregon Department of transportation.


The Metro Electrical apprenticeship training program received Women in Trades' 1997 Apprenticeship committee of the Year Award for its outstanding record of outreach, recruitment and retention of women in non-traditional occupations. Women in Trades awarded its first annual prize to the Metro Electrical Apprenticeship Training Program at a recruitment fair held this month at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus in Portland. The award underscores the union electrical construction industry's belief in the value and benefits of a diversified workforce that includes women and minorities.

The Metro Electrical Apprenticeship Training Program provides training and skills for union electrical apprentices and ongoing education for journeymen.



Steve Walker

Steve Walker has joined HDR Engineering, inc. as water section manager in the company's Portland Office. Walker is a registered professional engineer and holds a bachelor of science in hydrology from the University of Arizona.

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