E. Shelton Hill, Executive Director Portland Branch, Urban League and Office Manager, Mrs. Myrtle Cary receive congratulations from National Executive Director, Whitney M. Young Jr., on the excellent job they did in preparing the 57th Urban League Conference.

For the sixth consecutive year the Big John Strong Circus will be at Lloyd Center, August 21-26, performing three free shows daily under a big top tent. Circus times are at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., on weekdays, and 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., on Saturday. The circus big top is located on the center’s West Mall parking deck. The circus is a family event, with a family producing the show. John Strong owns, directs, and owns the show, while his children, Little John, Linda and Sandy are featured performers. A family of acrobats, The Jesters, is the headline act. The Big John Strong Circus is a dream come true for owner Strong. His parents were circus performers, and while they worked for the circus, he longed for a circus of his own. In 1950 he and his wife bought a small circus and today their circus is the only one in the west which is still produced under the "big top" tent.

AN EDITORIAL

$1.60 HA! HA!

Early this morning seven Albina citizens met at the V.F.B. Booker Real Estate Office, 1533 N.E. 9th, to protest the proposed Watts-Albina establishment for the Albina District. The proposed business would employ about 25 negroes and would pay them $1.60 per hour. The Watts-Albina Organization is headed by one Mark T. Mootart, Secretary-Treasurer of the Watts-Albina Corporation, who seem to be capitalizing on the riots and disorders. The plant will make crates and boxes and is in the process of receiving a contract from the Defense Supply Agency, a federally financed agency. The proposed location of the plant will be in the deserted American Bowling Alley, a former recreation center in the community. Mootart and his "capitalizing on the riots" associates has the blessings of Mayor Schrum and the city fathers. Many negroes in Albina believe it's another scheme to exploit the Albina Citizen. If the city fathers want to help the Portland negroes get jobs then they should work to break down the discriminatory hiring practices of the white businesses in the Albina District that don't employ negroes: transfer companies, Electric companies, metal shops, etc. Mayor Schrum and the city fathers, who just voted themselves a $2900 pay increase more money than many Portland citizens earn annually. - $1.60 per hour. - HA! HA! HA!
Dobra Learned Walker took a ride on Nana the performing Elephant at the Big John Strong Circus at the Lloyd Center Wednesday. The show is free and well worth a visit. The circus will be there thru Saturday. Big John Strong and his children are the featured performers. In this photograph Jimmy "Bang-Bang" Walker is the trainer.

Call

Call Mart Lee, one of Portland's most controversial talk show moderators. The time to call is from 11:30 to 12:30, Monday through Friday, on any subject, you name it!

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WASN'T IT NICE!!?!?

We mean the Urban League Convention of course. Having to watch from the sidelines was tough. Wouldn't you have liked to be one of those on the "in" side? Wasn't the press coverage wonderful, both nationally and locally? Didn't everything go off smoothly? All I can say is CHEERS TO THE LOCAL URBAN LEAGUE for its perfect hosting of such a wonderful event.

DID YOU HEAR...

The speech of Mr. Edwin Berry? It was a real "meaty" one and should have been heard by all. Mr. Berry really knows his town and its problems from top to bottom. He also seems to be trying hard to do something about them. If you don't believe me, consult with the "Gebra's", "Chuaka", or "Imperial Flimpt" of that city.

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DO YOU THINK...

You too many nice things are being said about the Urban League? I know it is a sore spot with some of you. But remember this, these people are where they are because they are progressive and productive. Too far ahead of the rest of us, you say? Well, while some of us were looking around, they were looking ahead.

THE WEATHER...

Has been so hot you can "hear" the corn grow. Wonder if this winter we will have to hunt snow shovels this winter like we used to in other winters? Wasn't the press coverage for its perfect hosting of such a wonderful event.

WELL...

I'm not going to argue with you. Let's get back to our bean-picking, Ebony-reading, and collard green cooking.

THE PIL...

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