FEPC Approved for Another Year; Appropriation Cut in Half; Only Five Field Offices to Remain Open; Staff of 51 to be Retained

By putting its stamp of approval on continuation of the wartime FEPC, Congress has demonstrated that it is in tune with the times. Finally, it gave an opportunity to vote on FEPC, Congress clearly indicated its support of the principle of equality in employment opportunity.

There is no doubt that the very fact that the Congress was given an opportunity to vote on FEPC at all is a signal victory for public opinion. The combination of those who had been working for the Permanent FEPC, augmented by millions who were shocked by the undemocratic tactics of the opposition, was potent enough to break what at one time appeared to be a hopeless deadlock.

The final compromise, however, is far from satisfactory. FEPC will not be able to function effectively unless the permanent bill is enacted soon! Winning the appropriation is only a partial victory. It intensifies the urgency of getting the required 218 signatures to the petition in the House of Representatives.

With only half the funds it had last year, plus the handicap of the clause which says it must terminate when these funds run out, unless the Permanent Bill is enacted FEPC may expect most violators to thumb their noses at it.

Two of the leading newspapers of the nation have hit the nail squarely on the head. Following are extracts from recent editorials:

FEPC must move, at best, cut its staff in half and curtail its activities. If the very time when its effective operations is most needed to prevent job discrimination in the recouperation, Congress can not indefinitely dodge the vital public issue which lies behind this shoddy compromise. It now has before it legislation to establish a Fair Employment Practice Commission on a statutory basis. That legislation has been ducked and dodged for too long. It should be cold-blooded and absolute 13th open debate and with an open record vote, so that the American people can know where their legislators stand.—Washington Post, 7/14/45.

The process by which the members of Congress have compromised their differences over the Fair Employment Practice Committee is not calculated to win public sympathy for the working of the National Legislature. In all probability, a clear-cut test of congressional will would reveal substantial majority support for the full appropriation sought by the permanent FEPC, and also for the permanent agency which has been proposed. Therefore, the strategy of the opponents has been to prevent any vote, or failing that, to force a vote on the sole issue of a sharply reduced appropriation for the temporary Committee. These funds to be used for purposes of liquidation. In other words, the opposition, by resorting to a variety of procedural devices, has tried to impose what is in effect a government by minority rule.—Washington Evening Star, 7/13/45.

The appropriation victory will not add up to a defeat unless we look upon it as merely a breathing spell to keep FEPC alive while we re-double our efforts to bring the Permanent bill to the floor by petition. We have the great advantage of a country aroused as it never was before, and activated to save the wartime FEPC. Our job now is to maintain that interest and direct it to the Permanent Bill. We have unseated the Southerners once. Can we do it again? Following a short outline of the highlights of the appropriation fight, we shall suggest specific steps toward winning the Permanent Bill.

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Social Notes...

Cocktail Party

Mrs. R. N. Joyner, Jr., and Mrs. R. N. Joyner, Sr., of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Ruby Addison of New York City, assisting in serving the many guests at this event were Mesdames Ethel Williams, Gustavia Winslow, Dolores Caldwell, Thelma Unthank, Mildred Minor and Miss Florence Hildebrand.

Birthday Parties and Visitors

Mrs. Minnie Turner was the guest of honor at a beautiful birthday party given by Mr. Howard Payne at the Dude Ranch Friday evening, July 20th. In Photo number 1, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Payne can be seen standing in the midst of hearty expressions of good cheer from the more than 75 guests who were present at this event. Each table was decorated with gorgeous fresh cut flowers and lighted candles. Stimulating refreshments were served. During the festivities, Banjoski's orchestra played "Happy Birthday to You" after which Mrs. Besie Harris sang "More Than You Know." The waitresses at the Dude Ranch had Banjoski and the orchestra play the popular tune "Embraceable You" and dedicate it to Minnie. Both of the vocal renditions and instrumentations were enjoyed by all the listeners.

Rhythm ROUND-UP

By Avern Heyd

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Swing fans did you know that Ralph Stevenson, the driving pianist has been one of the finest drummers in the game. At his peak he compared favorably with stars such as Hampton, Jones, Rich, et al. Brownie "Escapee" Amstee is laying down some more of that fine piano. He united at the Dude Ranch last week. He is also groovy with his queens and AWOL's.

The Red Calendner Trio entertained at the Vancouver Barracks Tuesday afternoon, July 31st. An appreciative audience of servicemen and overseas veterans were thrilled by the uncanny musicianship of this dynamic combination. Callender, Brooks and Enois will open Tuesday, August 8, at Slim Jenkins Cocktail Lounge in Oakland.

Club operators are going to be kept on their toes furnishing attractive entertainment for their patrons. Already it is rumored that renovations and improvements are under way for many places in the community where there are nightly pleasure facilities.

Toby Boyd is still crying those tournd numbers that make the femmes wipe their eyes.

Joe Crane is whipping a fine band in shape at the Shangri-la. Many nights they have to turn the crowds away at the door. Joe says he has everything but a bassist. When he finds one he will reclaim his crown as the best local swing band.

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Out, damned spot! Mr. Shakespeare didn’t have home cleaning fluids. You do. Get after every spot quickly—the longer it’s in, the harder it is to get out. Never have a suit pressed unless all spots are removed.

The brush off. Is something you, yourself, can give your clothes regularly. Lightly remove grinding dust particles and discourage moths. If possible, take the suit outdoors for an airing and thorough brushing.

Give ‘em a whirl. Airing clothes is very important. Leave the clothes closet door open at night to permit the clothes to get their share of ozone. They’ll smell fresher in the morning and won’t provide quite such a haven for moths.

Grime doesn’t pay. A dust-filled suit wears out quickly because dust particles cut the fiber. Patronize a good cleaner—“cheap” cleaning merely spreads the dirt, and causes shine. Warning: Don’t clean a suit to death. Too frequent cleaning will make any fabric lose its luster.

A stitch in time is really worth nine. A rip at a pocket corner that’s neglected will eventually cause big damage. If a seam opens in the lining, it will quickly fray out. Repair at once—while the cut, break, tear, or worn place is small.

Put ‘em away clean. When putting garments away for the season (winter suits for the summer, etc.), they should be clean. Dry cleaning will not only take out stains, which attract parasites, but it also destroys moths in any form.
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Editorial
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THE EFFORT — THE RESULT!

NOTE: On March 31st, there appeared in the Observer the follow-
ing editorial:

A Necessary Step Forward

It is now time for the Negro people at this area to take stock of
the social and political effects that have been made for improving
their situation over the past five years. In viewing the present state
of affairs from this angle it becomes shockingly obvious that
this group of people have no representatives to date who are holding
responsible and authoritative positions that would tend to develop a
more serious and appreciative testing for Negroes on the part of other
groups residing in this community.

At this writing there is not one Negro holding a full fledged
policeman's job in the city of Portland. Many explanations have been
offered for this appalling laxity. Some of which are plausible, others
entirely unconvincing to a people that in peace and in war have
demonstrated that they can be assured of assuming obligations of every
conceivable nature and discharging any and all duties efficiently.

In some quarters the thought has been advanced that there are
prejudices and racially-biased individuals dominating the operation of
the local police department here. These persons are alleged to be
blameworthy to the extension of full police authority to any Negro
regardless of his qualifications. Many attempts to circumvent any
such possibility have been forthcoming. The use of temporary Negro
police officers lacking in training and ability in communities tenanted
largely by Negroes is an excellent illustration of this.

These functionaries are not empowered to carry out assignments
on a basis comparable to that of men who have full police authority.
Consequently, it is impossible for them to have self-respect, respect
from the people; nor this respect of white policemen who know the
limited extent of their authority, preparation and training.

On the other hand it is claimed that Negro men of good moral
character, with full constitutional rights and within the age limits
prescribed by the civil service regulations have never made applica-
tions for appointment on the Portland police force. The truth of
this utterance may be far-reaching than can be imagined. Anyway,
there are many Negro men who have established residence in this
community while working in defense plants and war industries.

If a number of these are qualified in every way to fill police posi-
tions, that is, if the civil service requirements hold no specific briefs
for color.

At the war work in this area gradually diminishes in quantity it
would be wise for as many Negroes as possible to investigate and
study the possibilities of becoming police officers. Negro welfare or-
ganizations and liberal elements from among the white population
will champion the right of Negroes to be trained for police duty and
seen the Negro wait for these opportunities to be presented. Initiative and determina-
tion must be applied to create them.

This editorial was studied and considered seriously by both Negro
and white citizens of this community who were in a position to do
something about the issue involved. Consequently, out of their com-
cbined efforts comes a most encouraging announcement.

According to information received by the staff of this publication
from authoritative sources, the Portland Police Department, Captain H. S.
Parson, has been notified that his recommendations for six Negro
men to assume the duties of regular policemen on the Portland police
force will be honored. The men approved by Officer Parson will be
given the prescribed training required for all full-dressed off-
cers serving with the Portland Police department and will be vested
with the same authority. In the election held November 7, 1944,
Commissioner Bowes stated to the publisher of this paper that he fa-
dered the integration of qualified Negro personnel into all branches
of civil service employment and functions in Portland municipal life.

He expressed his belief that Negro policemen could perform a valu-
able service to the citizens of Portland. He promised that if he were
re-elected he would encourage the including of Negroes in this im-
portant capacity. Commissioner Bowes kept this promise and the

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istration determines his vocational
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ning him for another job. During
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is increased until he learns to handle
the job suited to his limitations. Dur-
ing the time his claim is pending, the Red Cross renders financial assistance to the disabled veteran
and his dependents.

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Oklahoma Elected
Teacher at Elliot School

One of the Negro teachers em-
ployed in the Portland Public
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Ford is a native of Oklahoma, a
graduate of Morgan College, Balt-
imore, Md., with an A. B. degree.
He has had eleven years teaching
experience. He spent three years
as grade school teacher, five years
as high school teacher of social
science in Shavano, Okla. Three
years as teacher of English in the
high school at Enid, Okla.

Mr. Ford has written several
dramatic plays and has received
honorable mention from the Na-
tional Publishing School of Chi-
icago for one act plays.

The Observer takes pride in the fact that its political judgment has brought
social benefits to the Negro people here.

Officials of the Portland Police department have been pleased over
the many valuable services that Captain Payton and his veteran guard
have rendered during these trying
war years. The performances of Officer Anderson Alexander and
others have demonstrated conclusively that the Negro can carry out
police assignments with dignity and efficiency.

The Observer is proud that it is the first to make public this fact to
the Negro people of Portland. It is the intention of the staff of
this paper to assist in every way possible the full integration of the
Negro into every field of endeavor wherein an opportunity is offered
and the need for recognition and appreciation for all minority
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Jacob S. Potofsky, ACWA’s general secretary-treasurer, who presented the check to League Fund Chairman Elmo Roper, praised Urban League effort on behalf of community welfare, the eradication of discrimination and intolerance.

Race Tension Study At Vanport Aug. 13

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forced to eat, sleep and purchase property or clothing, have grown progressively worse and are not just restricted to certain areas in Portland.

“We definitely believe that concentrated concentrated action by church women should make it possible for Negroes to eat without embarrassment and humiliation in public places.”

SPORTS SCENES

Photo (1)

Miller and Lacey with “Red Callender Trio in background do a little imaginary boxing for Observer photographer.

Photo (2)

Visitors on hand to witness awarding of prizes to winners of Leisure Hour Golf tournament at the Fraternal Hall Lounge Monday evening, July 30th.

Photo (3)

Walter Ricks, Vernon Gaskin and Shelby Golden complete a memorable day as Golden receives trophy as champion golfer in the Leisure Hour Golf Club tournament.

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Sport Briefs

Portland Wins Northwest Golf Championship

The mammoth Northwest Golf tournament sponsored by the Leisure Hour Golf and Bridge club was won by Ashley Golden, Portland's top flight golfer. High ranking golf players from all major cities in the Northwest and as far away as Denver, Colo., gathered in Portland over the week-end and practiced their favorite shots on East Moreland courses, preparatory for the big tournament Monday, July 30.

Early Monday morning, the players teed off. Late Monday afternoon, when the final cards were checked, it was revealed that Ashley Golden had defeated the heavy favorite and last year's champion, James Marshall, Seattle.

The first flight was won by Rudy Mason of Seattle and John Minor, Jr., won the second flight. Minor was also awarded a special prize for being the best dressed golfer.

The tournament interest is growing by leaps and bounds. Next year it may be held in Denver.

The visitors were recipients of many social courtesies while in the city.

Baseball

Sgt. Edward Auerley and James Stokes, mainstays of the Air Force baseball team, left Saturday by plane, accompanying the team to Boise, Idaho, where they meet the Idaho State champions.

Idaho defeated the Base 5-3.

Sgt. Auerley is the former captain of the Air Base Bombers team, who won the championship in 1944 under the direction of E. Shiloh Hill.

... Roy Miller K. O. Acosta

Roy Miller, the punching machine from Kansas City, continued his winning ways Friday night at the City Auditorium by knocking out the highly touted Mexican fighter from Los Angeles, Ray Acosta, in the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

The fight was even up to the time of knockout. Acosta appeared very confident, rushing Miller around the ring. Miller remained cool, boxing beautifully and watching for an opening. It came in the third round and quick as a flash Miller's right fist traveling no more than six inches exploded on Acosta's jaw and that was the end.

The two had previously fought a draw in Los Angeles. This was the first time in 75 fights that Acosta had been counted out.

In the semi-final "Snooks" Lacey gave Cal Roberts a rougher time than usual may be less crowded. Whenever possible you should try the staggered hours of travel way!

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Rhythm Round-Up

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Shangri-la audiences have had spine tingling sensations listening to his solos on both.

Our prediction is that musicians of the same quality as the Callender Trio will be difficult to obtain Sunday for a stay in Portland unless adequate equipment is to be provided for their performances.

Mary Simmons continues to sing those thrilling torch numbers and electrician Mr. Harris leaves the Capitol this week for an indefinite stay of the Clover Club.

Social Notes

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Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of 2035 N. E. Rodney returned Sunday from a 10-day vacation in British Columbia, where they visited friends in Vancouver and Victoria. The trip was made both ways by plane. Mr. Harris is an electrician in Kainers Shipyards. Mrs. Harris is a Project Service worker in Bagley Downs, Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Akers, formerly of Burton Homes, are now residing in Portland, 65 N. Hancock. Mrs. Akers is secretary to Leo Randall of Vancouver Housing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price of Vanport left Wednesday on a motor trip to Texas on business. Mrs. Price is a teacher in Vanport City schools.

Rev. and Mrs. James D. Williams of Berkeley, Calif., are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ivey of S. E. Tibberts. Rev. Williams is the former pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church.

Bagley Downs News

Beginning Tuesday, July 24, and continuing weekly throughout the remainder of the year, a children's carnival day will be held in the gymnasium and on the athletic field of Bagley Downs Recreation center. Active and passive games will be featured for mass participation. Various awards will be presented.

Wednesday evening of each week is talent night. Future programs are planned to be given in the Center's auditorium. All residents of Bagley Downs possessing talent of any type wishing to participate, are requested to be present at 7:30 p.m. in the social room.

Each Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. sound moving pictures are offered in the gymnasium to the general public for the small admission of 5c. A feature reel and cartoon are shown.

Mr. Arnold Jones of 4622 N. E. Sixth street, Portland, Ore., has been added to the staff of Bagley Downs Recreation Center replacing Mr. Stanley Bell of Burton Homes. Mr. Jones will be in charge of the boxing program and assist in the promotion of teen-age activities.

Men's Day at Bethel

The annual observance of Men's day was held at Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. J. D. Williams, former pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist church, is now pastor of the Baptist church at Berkeley, Calif., was guest speaker at the morning service. The Singing Sentinels, presented an artistic musical program Sunday evening. Their usual program fee was donated to Pipe Organ fund.

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