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NEW CITIZENS

The 30th Annual Reception to New Citizens will be held at the Public Auditorium, February 22nd, 1951, 7:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Portland Americanization Council. The guests of honor will be the 1950 class of newly naturalized citizens from 28 different countries.

The receiving line consists of dignitaries of our City, County, State and Federal governments to welcome each new citizen personally. This is followed by a colorful program at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Tom West, Vice-President of the Council is General Chairman of the Reception. He is assisted by Col. Geo. E. Sandy, Mrs. Mary Altman, Miss Harriet Monroe, Mrs. Wayne Love, Mrs. Naomi Montgomery, Mrs. Mabel Summerkamp, George J. Church, Mrs. Florence Newsome, Mrs. Anna Cipolla and Mrs. John R. Mears.

Hon. Harold J. Warner, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Oregon will be the principal speaker, his subject is "Our American Heritage." Mr. Walter Mecham, President of the Council will give the official welcome to the new citizens and Mr. Reinder Van der Borg, formerly of Holland, will give the response in behalf of the class of 1950. Mr. Van der Borg has also been nominated "Citizen of the Week" and his picture will appear in the Portland Traction Company buses the week of February 19th.


A portion of the program will be recorded and rebroadcasted over KEX at 10:35 p.m., February 22nd.

Over 200 organizations will participate in the reception with their banners and flags.

Doors open 7:00 p.m., organ music and reception 7:30 p.m., program 8:00 p.m.

Public is invited to attend.

URBAN LEAGUE JOINT CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE

The first joint conference between the staffs of Northwest Urban League Affiliates took place in Seattle last week when the officials of the Urban League of Portland and Seattle met in a mutual exchange of ideas on methods of meeting community race relations problems.

The conference was held at Neighborhood House, Seattle, Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, with the professional staffs of both League participating. The guests, from the Urban League of Portland were: Edwin C. Berry, E. Shelton Hill and John S. Holley, Executive, Industrial and Neighborhood Secretaries, respectively. Their hosts were Lewis G. Watts, Morris Brooks, Jr., and Paul L. Cooper, Executive, Industrial and Neighborhood Secretaries of the Seattle Affiliate.

Participating as consultants were Dr. Warren M. Banner, Director of Research and Community Projects from the National Urban League, in the Northwest on a special assignment; and N. P. Dotson, Jr., Racial Relations Advisor, Public Housing Administration.

On the discussion agenda for the two-day conference were: (1) the application of the community organization method to the total Urban League program; (2) research as a tool in the Urban League Program; (3) relationships between the League and the State Employment Services; and (4) methods of cooperation between the Urban League and the local housing authority.

As the sessions adjourned early Sunday afternoon, it was agreed that, since there were yet a number of facets of League operation which had not been touched, a second joint conference should be held, in Portland, some time early in March.

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POT LUCK AT BLESSED MARTIN CENTER

Blessed Martin Center was the scene of a Pot Luck Supper February 13, 6 p.m. Many families and friends came out to make this an enjoyable occasion.

Father O'Brien spoke on the practical observance of Lent. Much to the delight of, the audience Father Laughlin former chaplain of Little Flower Chapel.

The committee that planned the affair was Miss Doris Reynolds, Alvin Batiste, Miss Margaret Kern, Mrs. Rose West was chairman of the food preparing committee assisted by Mrs. W. Winslow and Mrs. Francine Gabriel and Mrs. Gertrude Day.

Mrs. Sadie Crawford sang "Old Fashioned Love." Miss Margaret Kern was a very charming hostess. Mrs. Mel Medaimroz of Portland University acted as chairman of the program.

This was the fourth series of the annual Pot Luck Supper. The attendance of so many members and new friends of the League is very encouraging.

It was a real treat to everyone present to have Father Zenner also a former chaplain of the Little Flower Chapel among the guests.

HOW TAX DOLLAR IS TO BE SPENT—JULY 1951 TO JULY 1952

(Approximate estimates)

Defense—58 cents ($41 billion)
Foreign Aid (Point Four, Marshall Plan, etc.)—10 cents (7 billion)
Indirect Defense (Factories, air field, civil defense, etc.)—5 cents (4 billion)
Past Wars—15 cents (11 billion)
Total for War—88 cents (63 billion)
General Expenses (Welfare, education, agriculture, etc.)—12 cents (8 billion)
Total, 71 billions; Income, 55 billions; Deficit, 16 billions.
(The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 206 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.)

ELKS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE


A banquet was served to all the visitors.

A grand occasion and Seattle was picked as 1951 Convention City May 25-28.
IN MY OPINION ..
FROM ONE DEMOCRAT TO ANOTHER

Mr. Oliver E. Smith
1453 N. Williams Avenue
Portland, Oregon

February 5, 1951

My dear Oliver:

Thank you very much for your very tempered and considerate letter of February 2nd.

Incidentally, my remarks, as quoted in the press, were taken from the context of what I actually said.

I do not need to remind you that my speech in behalf of Civil Rights was considered by many to be the principal factor in driving that bill through the Senate in 1939. I have always believed, still believe and shall continue to believe that the present situation in Oregon is intolerable when a man, solely because of his color, is denied the most elementary necessities of life.

Opponents of that type of legislation have many times contended the advocates of Civil Rights legislation ultimately desired marriage with persons of another color.

It is indeed interesting to note that some of the persons sponsoring this bill have in the past opposed bills giving Americans of the colored race the right to partake of a meal in a restaurant and the right to take his wife to a decent hotel. I was a great admirer of Mr. White who did so much for the good of his country through the N.A.A.C. I am afraid his marriage to a white woman has greatly lessened his usefulness.

Maybe my stand on this matter has lost me political support. If so, I can't help it. I do not want, however, to lose the friendship of good Americans such as yourself. Please understand, I do not consider members of your race inferior in any respect to members of the white race.

I shall continue to oppose this bill which was introduced by Senator Hitchcock and I shall continue to fight and work for Civil Rights legislation.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly your,
Thomas R. Mahoney
State Senator.
"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO CONCERNING SOCIAL ISSUES?"

Reasons for the Civil Rights Ordinance winning in the Lents area.

Suggestions given by Rev. Sherman W. Burgoyne, minister of Lents Methodist Church.

1. Certain tolerance already existing in Lents area in that colored families are moving there and making their homes there.

2. Colored people interested in the church because the church is interested in them.

3. Personal letters were mailed to church members concerning the Civil Rights Ordinance, at least four letters were mailed from the time of the hearing on Civil Rights until the election in November.

4. Sermons on the Civil Rights Issue were presented from the pulpit.

5. There was a constant awareness of the problem in the congregation. This was accomplished through preaching the social gospel all the time and not occasionally.

6. Weekly statements were printed in the Church Bulletin.

7. Materials from the Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Portland Council of Churches were distributed through the children enrolled in the church school.

8. Civil Rights literature was always available.

9. Sunday School Superintendent took time to present the sample ballot.

10. Women’s groups sent letters to the Mayor.

11. Youth Fellowship sponsored interracial activities.

12. One Negro family had a baby baptized in the Lents Methodist Church during this period. Baptismal certificate was signed by members of three races in that a Chinese girl was present at the service.

The Special Committee of the Race Relations Commission suggests that a pamphlet be prepared on "What To Do In The Church To Attain Brotherhood".

WOMEN’S GROUP SAYS NO TAX FOR WAR

Tax protest sticker:

"That every citizen in a Christian democracy such as ours should be allowed to choose, according to the dictates of his own conscience, whether his tax money goes to war or to peace.

"That labor and money spent for war would be more effective for relieving world tensions if spent, instead, for civilian rehabilitation on both sides of the conflict.

"To see Congress pass legislation providing that the part of my income tax at present allocated to military uses be diverted to civilian relief and rehabilitation under agencies of the United Nations. This money should be in addition to what the government otherwise contributes to such agencies.

"I protest: The use of any of my tax money for future wars."

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"If you agree with the sentiments expressed above, perhaps you would like to do the following things (not as a member of any organization, but as an individual citizen, and by all means in your own words):

1. Make a list of worthwhile agencies in the United Nations which you would be glad to substitute for war uses.

2. Attach such a statement to your income tax return.

3. File such a statement with the employer, who collects your withholding tax.

4. Write to your newspaper about it in February, or early March.

5. Let Truman, Acheson, Marshall, Austin, etc. know.

6. Let your members of Congress know.

7. Get your friends over the United States (neighborhood, church, lodge, club) to do likewise. (Extra copies of this letter are available at cost, to all who wish to pass the idea on to others. See address at bottom.)

A few thousand citizens, writing a dozen or so such letters apiece might start the ball rolling. As the little boy said, "Some day they'll put on a war, and nobody will come to the show"

—Mabel Downs,
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