

Recycling Program At O.E.C.

Operational Emergency Center, a food bank which serves over 3,000 people per week, has implemented a recycling program to meet the growing need for food.

"The program," stated Food Bank Coordinator Bernadine Saulsberry, "will be used to raise funds for the Food Bank Program. We urge everyone who uses the program to bring their aluminum pop cans and beer cans, as well as newspapers, when they come to the program on a weekly basis. Even those who don't need the program can be significant help by bringing us items for our recycling program. This is one simple way to help a program that is the lifeline of literally thousands of people."

Operational Emergency Center is located at 3300 Rainier Ave. So., and will be open to accept recyclable material from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through December 15.

"I would like to thank Stan Evans of the Seattle Engineering Dept., Office of Planning, Resource Recovery, for working with us to institute this program. We need all the help we can and innovative ways to raise funds or food is a big help," stated Ms. Saulsberry.

For further information about the recycling program, or if you want to make a generous donation of food for the needy, call 725-2100.

World War II Black Navy Veterans Of Great Lakes Celebrate 40th Anniversary

This first reunion will be held at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois on Friday, September 24, 1982. For registration and information contact James T. Howard before September 9, 1982--address: P.O. Box 327, Hyannis, MA 02601. Telephone (617) 775-5741. We urge all Great Lakes veterans to make every effort to attend this first reunion.

Historically, before President Franklin D. Roosevelt opened General Service to Blacks in the United States Navy in 1942, they were relegated to non-combat roles, such as officers' cooks and stewards. With the Blacks acceptance into the General Service such specialties as quartermasters, signalmen, radiomen, boatswains mates, gunners mates, carpenters and many more were opened up to them.

There were approximately 70,000 Black sailors trained in segregated camps at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Then in 1945 the Navy became the first branch of the armed services to integrate. This was a milestone in this history of race relations in the United Nations.

This will be a significant occasion because it represents our efforts to pay homage to a group of unsung heroes, living and dead, who were trailblazers during a dark period of World War II.

National Conference For Blacks In Government

The Fourth Annual National Training Conference of Blacks in Government (BIG) will convene September 3-5 at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, 2600 Woodley Road N.W., Washington,

D.C. 20008.

Approximately 3,000 persons from across the nation are expected to attend this Fourth Annual National Conference. Black In Government, is a

non-profit, non-partisan organization of federal, state and local government employees.

Centered on the theme "Together We Stand," the conference will

feature special addresses by Congressmen Parren J. Mitchell and Walter E. Fauntroy, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., and William Penn Foundation Presi-

dent Bernard Watson.

Fifteen workshops will be conducted by national and local leaders on current problems and issues confronting Black federal, state and local govern-

ment, employees. They will include sessions on the New Federalism and It's Impact on State and Local Governments, Coping with Job-Related Stress, Surviving a Career Change, Improving Basic

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