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Washington State Trade and Investment

Mission to the Philippines Dinner to Honor Philippine President Fidel Ramos



Photo L.D. from left to right: Alma Kern, Philippine President Fidel Ramos, Eddie Rye, Jr., foreground; Lucho Singh, Don Lorenz, and Rene Ybanez.

The Washington State Trade and Investment Mission to the Philippines which occurred from October 4-12, 1993 was led by Representative Velma Veloria and Eddie Rye, Jr. The 34 members delegation which consisted of 25 minority businesses, visited the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Davao. The primary objective of this mission was to develop business opportunities for Washington minority companies, and to impress upon the Philippine government the importance of opening a Philippine trade office in Seattle as soon as possible.

The highlight of the trade mission was a 90 minute meeting with Republic of the Philippine President Fidel Ramos. Eddie Rye, Jr., as spokesman for the African American community, was very active in discussions with President Ramos in which he emphasized the growing unity within minority communities in Washington. Impediments to trade and investment between the Philippines and Washington, and the necessity for establishing a Philippine trade office in the Seattle area. President Ramos was very warm, friendly, and open with the delegation. He even expressed satisfaction at dealing with such diversified group which consisted of Filipino Americans, African Americans, and a Chinese American.

The Port of Seattle provided strong support for the minority business mission demonstrated by their sending Don Lorenz, Director, International Trade Development to participate in the mission. They also financed the inland ground transportation for the group while in the Philippines and generously provided meeting space for preparing for the mission prior to the departure of the mission.

Meetings between Washington and Philippine business were held in Manila, Cebu, and Davao. These meetings proved to be extremely useful in expediting business transactions for participating Washington companies. Some deals were completed before the delegation returned to Washington.

Business appointments and logistics coordination for the group were arranged by mission participant Kevin Johnson, Program manager, Minority and Woman Export Assistance program (MWEAP), Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development. The MWEAP was established by House Bill 1493 which was sponsored by Representative Jesse Wineberry. House Bill 1493 provides for entrepreneurial training, bonding assistance, financing assistance, and export assistance. A reception for House Bill 1493 will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 on November 18, 1993 at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Seattle. For more information contact Juan Huey Ray at (206) 753-9693.

A dinner honoring Philippine President Fidel Ramos will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 20th at the Westin Hotel. For further information contact Lucho Singh at 329-4450 or Alma Kern 820-8449.

Amelita Ramos the First Lady of the Philippines and the Executive Band will perform in Concert at the Tacoma Dome later Saturday evening. For more information please contact Jaime Arzadon at 838-1243.

Central Area Chamber of Commerce News "Pays Tribute to Mrs. Sarah Lynch at Age 98 Years Young"

Last Friday, November the 12th, we lost our oldest Chamber member who was a great community leader and citizen. She paved the way for our young people and worked hard with her civic leadership in creating employment for Black youth of all ages.

I am so glad to have been able to pay tribute to her at our community celebrations. "The Past, Present, and the Future" in which Fire Chief Claude Harris presented her with an award. The community got a chance to applaud her as I walked her down the aisle. Mrs. Lynch got lots of excitement out of this event.

"Inside the Chamber" the community at work T.V. series will re-air this program on Cable T.V. Channel 29, Dec. 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Please tell your friends to watch this show. Thank you-

Beware of a New Drug Addiction: Huffing - A Deadly High (A Town Meeting Discussion)

There are over 1400 over-the-counter products used for huffing. Children think it is a "harmless high." A Mother questions her 10 year old son concerning burns on his skin. He said he was hit by a bat at baseball practice. But the truth was, he had used a chemical on his skin, thinking "it was the way to get high." He was athletic with good grades, and never used drugs. Kiley was asked to stay home because of the LA curfew. There was an adult at home. Things happened so fast he had no time to scream. The fluid froze his upper respiratory system. There was no opportunity to breathe or think. He couldn't even blink. He was gone. What happened to Kiley? He used the product the wrong way. He thought he was doing it right. It was poor pressure. He didn't know to filter it through a cloth. He died. Other products used are rubber cement, and marking board markers, hair spray and zippo lighter fluid. Markers are used by taking the tip off the pen and placing the pen in the mouth and inhaling. It can be controlled. Kids are passing out from cardiac arrest. Many do not wake up. Huffing causes permanent neurological damage more than any other substance abuse. 1987 statistics reported that 21% of 8th graders had used it. (One child teaching another how to do it.)

They are addicted to the high, but not to the product. Programs have concentrated so much on cocaine and alcohol use, that "huffing" products have been overlooked. But that is changing. Educate your child not to kill himself or herself.

With so many adults abusing drugs, no wonder children try it. Save the future generations. Be a good, positive example. Give your child a reason to live on a natural high. "Their life!"



Welcome To Seattle -- Leaders Gather To Discuss Asian Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) And NAFTA

Fifteen participating countries, which include Japan, Canada, China, Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, and New Zealand, unite at the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Seattle, hosted by the United States. A room is in preparation at the Convention Center to meet the needs of 2,500 reporters covering the summit. Downtown expects to bring in five million dollars in sales this week. Seattle should receive seventy million dollars of free advertising over the next several days. Major dignitaries will be arriving on Wednesday, probably causing traffic congestion. APEC should lead the way to liberate free trade. Clinton inherited NAFTA from the Bush Administration and the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) from the Reagan Administration.

Each floor of the Washington Trade and Convention Center in downtown Seattle hangs with beautiful, well done Seattle Art. Well crafted signs of information cover each door, directing visitors to their destination. To the north on the 4th floor are the hundreds of telephones and work stations set up for the many reporters and delegates, administrators and officials to access during the conference. Each day tours of Seattle businesses are scheduled. Among the hundreds of businesses, museums, and restaurants being toured are Boeing, Microsoft, Seattle Public Library, and SEATAC. Reporters receive a tote bag filled with information around Seattle, as well as a news release package. Newspapers around the city line up against one wall with free publications. Literature, booklets, slides, postcards, etc. sit waiting for curious hands to pick up and take interest in what is going on in the Seattle business world. It is well orchestrated. (My hands, arms, and bag was filled with free information, and I didn't get it all!)

Clinton will have dinner with 15 U. S. governors, (including Fife Symington of Arizona, Roy Romer of Colorado, Joan Finney of Kansas, William F. Weld of Massachusetts, John Engler of Michigan, Kirk Fordice of Mississippi, Barbara Roberts of Oregon, Pedro J. Rosello of Puerto Rico, Mike Leavitt of Utah, Howard Dean, M. D. of Vermont, Mike Lowry of Washington, Gaston Caperton of West Virginia, Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, Bruce Sundlun of Rhode Island, and Ann Richards of Texas), to discuss NAFTA, which will be vetoed on by Congress tomorrow. Some fear that American jobs would be lost to Mexican labor. Mexico is fearful that American competition could put them out of business. NAFTA is a cause of hope and concern. Some agree NAFTA will be good for the country. Some think it will improve living conditions. Robert Tamayo of Mexico is fearful that he will lose all 50 of his employees. He makes metal garbage cans. He is afraid American manufacturers would flood the market with plastic cans, taking control, and that he would not be able to export.

Many anticipate a widened trade zone. From the United States to the edge of China, representatives come to Seattle to form an alliance. Goods and materials from the nations would circle the globe, flowing freely. Has there been anything like this since the formation of the Federal Trade Act and the Federal Reserve Act? Both measures were intended to control unfair and restrictive trade practices, leaving unions and farm groups vulnerable. It is ironic. Where are they today?

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APEC TRAFFIC INFORMATION

- * Possible traffic stoppages of from 5 to 60 minutes Wed. Nov. 17 -- Sunday Nov. 21 from Virginia St. to Columbia St. on 5th Avenue.
- * 4th Avenue Street Closure from Spring Street south to Columbia Street Friday Nov. 19th 10am to 4pm to all except bus traffic. Northbound traffic diverted to 3rd Ave. Southbound traffic diverted to 2nd Ave.
- * Possible APEC motorcade route from downtown to Volunteer Park Museum Friday Nov. 19, 3 - 9pm. Expect traffic stoppages of undetermined length.
- * For security reasons, there will be no parking from 6am to 9pm on Friday November 19 on Aloha, 15th Ave. E., Galer, and Federal Ave. E around Volunteer Park. The park will be closed to ALL public access from 11pm Thursday Nov. 18 until 6am Saturday Nov. 19.
- * For further information call 684-8811.

A MESSAGE TO THE BLACK MAN

DEAR BROTHERS:

I COME TO YOU WITH A MESSAGE FROM AN EX-GANG MEMBER TO AWAKE YOU TO THE PROBLEMS ARISING IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. BROTHERS ITS TIME TO SNAP OUT OF THE MADNESS THE DEVIL HAS CREATED IN YOUR MIND TO STAGNATE THE BLACK MAN. BROTHER THE THOUGHTS IN YOUR MIND WHICH ARE NOT YOUR OWN BUT THOSE OF THE DEVIL HAVE YOU OUT THERE KILLING EACH OTHER IN A SENSELESS BATTLE OVER A COLOR.

MY BROTHER I ASK YOU IS IT WORTH IT? THE TIME HAS COME TO REALIZE THAT YOU ARE DOING THE DEVILS WORK AND AS YOU DO SO HE SITS BACK AND LAUGHS "HA HA HA" AT YOUR IGNORANCE. MUST WE BE LIKE CAIN AND ABEL? BUT MY BROTHERS BY THE GRACE OF GOD TO WHOM ALL PRAISE IS DO, WE WILL SOON WAKE UP FROM OUR RIP VAN WINKLE SLEEP AND DEFEAT THE ENEMY WHO IS NOT THE WHITE MAN BUT THE DEVIL HIMSELF.

BROTHER ITS TIME TO STOP KILLING EACH OTHER OVER THE COLOR WE WEAR OR THE GROUP WE CHOOSE TO HANG OUT WITH AND COME TOGETHER AS ONE. AS YOU KNOW THERE IS A SAYING "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL". I ASK YOU, MY BROTHER, HOW LONG MUST THE BLACK MAN CONTINUE TO FALL? WAKE UP BROTHERS STOP HAVING BABIES AND LEAVING THE MOTHER TO BE BOTH MOTHER AND FATHER. DO YOU WANT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO FALL PREY TO A USELESS GANG KILLING? THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

YOUR BROTHER,
FRED CURTIS
Never Broken
By Harold Murphy

**Chains of the slave
Only
Say...
The
Spirit
is
Not
Broken...and
The
Slave
Stays alive
To survive
To thrive
With all
The
Jive...Unbroken!**

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NAACP: 80 Years Overcoming Barriers



The Seattle Branch of the NAACP has reached a milestone in its history. This year the Branch celebrates its 80th anniversary. We entered our ninth decade of continued service more committed to the cause of civil rights and human rights than ever before. The NAACP was founded in 1909 and is the oldest civil rights organization as well as the most powerful and the most respected today. It may come as a surprise to the Seattle Community to learn that the Seattle Branch was organized in 1913, just four years after Mary White Ovington, W. E. B. Dubois, Ida Wells and others launched what became National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. During the past 80 years the Seattle Branch has been continuously at the forefront in Afro American and other minorities quest for freedom and civil rights in Seattle and the State of Washington. This history of this Branch will record its premier efforts in stopping much of the violence inflicted upon Afro Americans in the early part of the century; thereafter the record will show its efforts in obtaining open housing legislation on the state and local levels, its efforts in school desegregation and its efforts in opening up jobs, the political arena and businesses for Afro Americans and other minorities. History will further record the effective work the Branch has done in creating better police community relations, creating affirmative action programs in higher education and the workplace, registering voters and getting out the vote and working for the election of politicians who would work for all people. These are just a few of the many accomplishments which will be recorded in this Branch's glorious history. Today the Branch is fighting to maintain these hard won accomplishments and also directing its efforts to social and economic conditions in our community. The problems of Black teenage pregnancy, the soaring drop out rate among Black youngsters, drugs and crime problems need the work of the Seattle Branch - we are reminded by these problems that the struggle continues. During the past 80 years this Branch has willingly accepted the challenge. Our strength lies in the membership, Board of Directors, and the Officers. We salute each and every one of these stalwarts who have served during the past 80 years. The Seattle Branch calls upon all citizens in this community to join us in celebrating 80 years of accomplishments in trying to make Seattle a city free from racism and a place for equal justice and opportunities for every citizen. We also call upon each and every citizen in our community to join us in welcoming our new Executive Director of the NAACP, Dr. Benjamin Chavis on Sunday, Nov. 14, 1993, at 3pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church located at 19th and E. Madison.