

"My Black Fists" Author

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Lawrence Othello Hight, whose poetry in "My Black Fists" struck back against injustices and oppression against the blackman, has taken a new turn in his forthcoming children's book, "Wee Winkle Donkey."

Hight is now working on the children's book, which will tell the story of a donkey which carried Mary to Bethlehem. The book does not have a Christmas orientation.

Having seen too much cruelty to stand silent in the face of evil, Hight uses his poetic gift to fight back against oppression, injustice, and inhumanity.

In "My Black Fists," he stood up to face his tormentors with the dignity and strength of purpose that have always characterized intelligent, brave men who refuse to live without freedom. While angrily confronting the white man with his oppression, Hight waited hopefully for brotherhood to take its place.

"SURELY, THERE must come a time," he wrote, "when all men will live in grace. Surely, there must come a time, when the black man will take his place, when all men are united in brotherhood, accepted in the human race."

Hight, who is 42, is a graduate of Chicago's Commercial Art Institute and has studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Radio Institute of Chicago.

An artist and silk screen stencil cutter by occupation, Hight has five children. His wife is trained as a fashion model at Worthy Ward Agency in Evanston, Ill.

STUDENTS SUMMER JOBS

Summer jobs for students and others are available in Post Offices throughout California and Nevada. Asa T. Briley, Director of the San Francisco Region of the U.S. Civil Service Commission announced today. These jobs pay \$2.44 an hour. Appointees will assist the regular workforce in handling the mail. Applications may be filed with the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office Department, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36130, San Francisco, California 94102 and must be received or postmarked by February 9, 1967.

FEDERAL GRANTS TO NEVADA REPORTED

WASHINGTON--Nevada has been allotted \$442,974 for improving its school system under the National Defense Education Act and Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Senators Alan Bible and Howard Cannon reported today.

Bible and Cannon said the figure represents a portion of the Federal assistance to which education is entitled this fiscal year.

The Nevada senators gave this breakdown of the allotment:

Library materials and textbooks, \$224,562; Equipment and remodeling, \$110,269; Administrative expenses, \$50,000; Guidance, counseling and testing, \$51,057, and Loans to nonprofit private schools, \$7,076.

WASHINGTON--Senator Alan Bible said today another \$1 million grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been cleared for Nevada to help finance land acquisition for a proposed state park at Lake Tahoe.

Bible was advised by the Interior Department the final allocation of a total \$3 million grant would be released to the state shortly in keeping with Secretary Stewart Udall's assurance to Bible last year that Lake Tahoe would receive "top priority."

OF THE TOTAL \$3 million in grants the past two years, Bible said \$1 million was from Nevada's regular fund apportionment and \$2 million from the contingency reserve controlled by Secretary Udall.

Under present plans for a scenic state park at Lake Tahoe, state appropriations and private grants would be used to match the Federal funds for acquiring more than 2,000 acres of unspoiled shoreline areas.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress two years ago and Bible, as chairman of the Senate Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, immediately urged prime consideration for Lake Tahoe in fund allocations.

Benefit Concert Artist



BEULAH HARDEMAN, one of the featured singers appearing at the Benefit Variety Concert and Tea, Sunday, January 15, 3 p.m. at Doolittle Recreation Center Gymnasium... Under the direction of composer-arranger Henry Wells, the program has been staged for the cultural enjoyment of the community, and donations of \$1 per person will be used for the purchase of glass backboards for the new gymnasium at Doolittle Center.

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Welfare Groups Organize

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--A national organization of welfare recipients will be established at a National Convention of Welfare Rights Groups, set for July 1967.

The Convention has been called by the National Coordinating Committee of Welfare Rights Groups, representing welfare rights groups in 23 states.

AT ITS FIRST meeting in Pittsburgh last Dec. 17, the Committee expanded its membership from 11 to 25, to represent each of the 23 states, New York was allowed two more representatives because of its heavy concentration of groups.

The Committee reported that a statewide organization has been established in California to link the 32 welfare rights organizations in that state.

In Ohio, a statewide steering committee is coordinating welfare rights campaigns in 11 cities.

IN NEW YORK City, 65 neighborhood welfare recipient groups are working together through the City-Wide Coordinating Committee to get adequate winter clothing.

At the Committee's next meeting in Washington, D.C., Feb. 3-5, representatives will press the U.S. Congress for extension of unemployed parent section of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and to urge amendment of the AFDC law to permit recipients to keep some portion of any money they earn.

Welfare groups are active in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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