



WAYMAN GRIFFITH (left is spending his second summer in the Operation Opportunity program at General Foods headquarters in White Plains N.Y. Last year he worked in the Office Operations department; this year, he's in Corporate Accounting, where **John Larner** (right), Manager of Corporate Accounting, is helping familiarize him with his new duties. Under the program, which provides jobs for 60 high school students each summer, Wayne earns a regular salary plus an amount of money equal to that salary that General Foods puts into an escrow fund for his use for future education. After he graduates from New Rochelle High School, Wayman has his sights set on a pre-med college course and then medical school.

Leading Blacks affirm support for Israel

Bayard Rustin, veteran civil rights leader, announced the formation of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee at a recent press conference in New York. Joining Rustin were several prominent Black Americans who have endorsed the committee's statement of principles, including labor leader A. Philip Randolph, NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins, and Eleanor Holmes Norton, New York City Commissioner of Human Rights.

"The democratic values that have sustained our struggle in America are also the source of our admiration for Israel and her impressive social achievements," declared Rustin. "No nation is without imperfections. But Israel's are far outweighed by the freedom of her democratic society. Only Israel, among the nations of the Middle East, are political freedoms and civil liberties secure. Together with other Americans, we enthusiastically join in reaffirming the rights of Israel to exist as a sovereign state."

Rustin will serve as director of BASIC which was formed at the request of A. Philip Randolph, who will serve as chairman. Over 100 leading Blacks have already joined the committee, including civil rights leaders, athletes, entertainers, clergymen, government officials, educators, and businessmen. Among those who have joined are: Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles; Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; Hank Aaron; Arthur Ashe; author Ralph Ellison; Urban League Director, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.; Congressman Charles B. Rangel; and Congressman Andrew Young.

The statement of principles of BASIC declares, "We Black Americans, have been guided throughout our long struggle for racial equality by certain fundamental principles. These include: a commitment to democracy; opposition to all forms of racial, religious and sexual discrimination; and the conviction that denial of equal rights to any minority threatens not only every other minority but democracy itself."

"These principles have led us to the following conclusions concerning the Israeli-Arab conflict and its bearing on American society: we condemn the anti-Jewish 'blacklist,' we believe Blacks and Jews have common interests in democracy and justice, we support democratic Israel's right to exist, Arab oil politics have had disastrous effects upon Blacks in America and Africa, we support peace through mutual recognition, we support genuine Palestinian self-determination, we will work for peace."

Rustin outlined the activities of BASIC in coming months as working for "a just and stable peace, a peace that will not be a prelude to a new war but the beginning of an era of cooperation and good will between Israel and her Arab neighbors." BASIC will organize groups of Blacks to visit Israel, publish literature about the state of Israel emphasizing its importance for the future of democracy in the Middle East, and establish a speakers bureau to speak to Black community organizations on Israel. BASIC will also counter false propaganda about the state of Israel and encourage exchange visits between young Blacks and young Israelis. Rustin said another activity of BASIC will be "doing whatever we with our friends in Africa can do to restore better relations between Israel and Africa."

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Political killing mysteries unraveling

The mysteries surrounding the wave of killings that disrupted American life in the sixties -- Rev. King, the Kennedy brothers, and others -- may now be starting to unravel. Some 65 senators and congressmen are demanding that the murder of President Kennedy be reopened as evidence mounts that FBI officials withheld information from the Warren commission.

It now appears, at the very least, that Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant. According to the current issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, scores of private investigators from Mark Lane to George O'Toole have been piecing together the events of that awful day in Dallas in 1963. Agitation is afoot on Capitol Hill, too, for reopening the murders of Sen. Robert Kennedy and also that of Dr. King.

Like it or not, the American people will have to take a hard look at corruption inside the FBI, CIA and other agencies which we would prefer to think were protecting us from wrong-doing. The word in Washington is that the late J. Edgar Hoover helped cover up Oswald's FBI connection. After all, how would it look if a paid hireling of his agency murdered the president -- whether by personal action or conspiratorial design?

In a recent article, *The Atlantic Monthly*, pointed out that Hoover reigned, much like any banana republic tyrant, over the FBI. Agents trembled in his presence. He was, particularly toward the last, paranoid and capricious, incapable of running the Bureau. He has files choked full of information on various politicians that literally gave him "veto" power over their actions. And he leaked information to damage the personal reputation of Dr. King.

At first blush, the Kennedy family may loom like heroes in all this. But evidence is turning up that tarnishes their image, too -- evidence that should be probed further. There is not only the huge question of the fitness of Sen. Edward Kennedy to assume the presidency but it may well be that the auto wreck that claimed the life of his secretary is but another episode in the spoiled boy Kennedy brothers' dealings with women.

In the new issue of *Oui* magazine, just out on newsstands, author Tony Scaduto raises some tough questions about the possible connection between the "suicide" of Actress

Marilyn Monroe back in 1962 and her relations with the late Sen. Robert Kennedy. Scaduto charges that Bobby visited the actress shortly before she died and that he gave a long deposition a few hours after her death to Los Angeles police. Scaduto says the deposition was suppressed because it contains the inside story of Marilyn's love for Bobby and her threats to call a press conference about it.

According to *Oui*, Miss Monroe told a friend, "Bobby Kennedy promised to marry me. What do you think of that? Can you imagine me as first lady?" The Kennedy brothers also have to answer for the actions of the various American Intelligence agencies during their administration in the early 1960's. Lyndon Johnson said that, when he was sworn in, he found the U.S. had been running a "Murder, Inc." in the Caribbean. Either President Kennedy had a policy of murdering foreign leaders or he failed to properly restrain U.S. agencies from such killings. Of course, President Nixon ordered supplies of U.S. poison gas destroyed but some CIA officials merely ignored his order.

What's happening at the top in the United States? Public figures are up to their eyeballs in scandal and disgrace. Some U.S. spy agencies seem to be running a government all their own. The military spies on civilians. The CIA spies on Grove Press. The FBI not only spies on dissident groups but, in some cases, incites and provokes them to riot and mayhem. The Internal Revenue Service bounces taxpayers around like pinballs on orders from the White House. U.S. border officials turn their backs on strikebreakers crossing over from Mexico to give fits to the United Farm Workers. The Army and CIA admit experimenting with LSD on Americans, without telling them. And the alleged killer of President Kennedy turns out likely to have been connected with the FBI.

Meanwhile, the Senate is trying to ram down the public's craw Senate Bill I, which, *The Nation* magazine says, "If enacted, would put this country on the way to becoming a police state."

Human liberty, as the coup in India shows, is a fragile commodity. We could lose our freedoms here in the U.S. to *Big Brother Government*, if we are not careful.

KARATE: BREAK BOARDS, NOT FEET

Inspired by television and movies, more Americans are trying karate chops and kicks than ever before. But a warning issued by the American Podiatry Association states that broken bones, and severe trauma to the feet can result without proper train-

ing and conditioning. An official of the American Academy of Sports Medicine has confirmed that the ball of the foot and heel can withstand the impact of a karate blow, but he cautioned that casual experimentation with karate can lead to serious injury.

Postage rates will not rise until after Christmas

Postage rates will not increase until after Christmas, Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailer announced recently. Bailer said that the Postal Service will file with the Postal Rate Commission for the new rates "some time in the next two weeks."

If the Commission does not act within 90 days of the filing, the Postal Service may increase rates on a "temporary basis."

The exact amounts of the increases to be requested have not been finally determined, but they are expected to include 13-cents for the first ounce of ordinary first-class mail, with appropriate increases for other classes of mail. They will most likely take effect during the week following Christmas, although the precise date cannot be set until after the filing with the Rate Commission.

The Postal Service ran deficits of over \$430 million for fiscal year 1974 and approximately \$825 million in fiscal 1975, and estimates current losses at approximately \$200 million per month.

The post-Christmas rate increases are necessary to stem these losses. The losses are due to inflation-driven

cost increases and extreme delays in prior rate adjustments. Bailer said he was optimistic that the Rate Commission would move promptly on the new increases.



MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

- Larry's Sight and Sound
- Woody's
- Hideaway Lounge
- Swift's Barber Shop
- Smith's Food King
- E. O. B.
- G. W. Pharmacy
- N.A.A.C.P. Office
- Roxy Cleaners
- Kelly's Liquors
- Friendly Liquors
- El Rio Club
- Bruce's Liquors
- All Places of Business on Jackson St
- All Places of Business on "D" Street
- Vegas Village
- Thriftmart
- Skagg's
- Sugar Hill
- Poor People Pulling Together
- Mc Neal Quick Check
- Carey Arm Apartments (at Office)
- Villa Capri (at Office)
- Dr. West's Office
- Baby Bug's Coffee Shop
- Clark County Court House
- Windsor Park - All residences
- Berkley Square - All residences

- Regal Estates - All residences
- Vegas Heights - All residences
- Sunset Manor - All residences
- Rancho Circle Theatre
- Blue Bird Auto Parts
- Love's Cocktail Lounge
- Golden Egg
- Town Tavern
- Hughes' Liquors
- Mom's Kitchen
- Beauty Shops on Jackson Street
- Wesley's Barber Shop
- Community Store
- Fashionette Beauty Shop
- Mom Brunow's
- Library
- Cheyenne Square Barber Shop
- Forward Move Barber and Beauty Supply
- Modernistic Shoe Shop
- Dot's Cleaners
- Moulin Rouge Beauty Shop
- Moulin Rouge Barber Shop
- Ruby's Draperies
- Legal Aid Office
- Wild Goose Bar
- 7 - 11 Store
- Big "8" Market
- Continental Beauty Salon (West Owens)