

LETTERS

Navahos Forcibly Relocated

Dear Editor:

Eleven thousand traditional Navajo people are resisting forced relocation off their ancestral lands by the U.S. Government for exploitation of uranium and coal. This action is made possible by P.L. 93-531 which was passed in 1974 by a largely misinformed Congress under heavy lobbying pressure from the multinational mining interests and will cost U.S. taxpayers over \$500 million.

At this time the National Guard is establishing installations in the area, storing unmarked supplies (destination unknown), the purpose of which is undisclosed by the government. Traditional peoples fear preparations are being made for violent relocation. There are 200 miles of completed fence and aerial surveillance daily of the land and the people. Their sheep and cattle are being shot from the ground and air and the U.S. military is now present in the area.

The situation is intensifying. The Navajo and Hopi tribal elders who are leading the resistance have stated that they will not be leaving the land from this point on.

This issue is at the very heart of the environmental, political and social issues we have all committed ourselves to. There is an urgent need for your immediate attention at this time. Please join the Northwest Big Mountain Support Group meeting on Saturday, August 10, at 9 am at Growers Market (454 Willamette, upstairs). If you can't make it, call 741-1116, 344-8380, 485-1755 for information or donations.

—In Unity

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Never Again

Two survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Japan 40 years ago will meet with a University of Oregon professor who worked on the Manhattan Project, which developed the first bombs, at a program at Harris Hall tonight (Thursday, Aug. 8). The evening of remembrance is one of the final activities of a week-long Hiroshima-Nagasaki observance.

"Never Again" will be the theme of both the survivors, known as Hibakusha in Japan, and of UO Professor of Biology Aaron Novick.

Sakae Okuno, a 62-year-old man from Nagasaki, and Shuzue Hotta, 65, who was exposed to the Hiroshima radiation through her work as a nurse there after the bomb, are traveling with an interpreter, a representative of the Japanese peace movement and an American peace activist. The group is one of seven visiting many U.S. cities on a Hibakusha Peace Tour organized by survivors and the Mobilization for Survival, a U.S. coalition of 170 peace and disarmament groups. Similar teams are taking the same program to cities in other countries.

In Japan today there are some 400,000 people still affected by the bombing of 40 years ago. The official organization of survivors, Hindankyo, wants to see all nuclear nations conclude a treaty banning use of nuclear weapons.

The evening at Harris Hall, at the corner of Eighth and Oak Streets, will include displays and a short film brought by the Hibakusha. It begins at 7:30 pm. The public is invited.



Peace Ribbon

Ibrahim Hamidi, Adele Spear and Elise Kinberg hold Eugene's section of the Peace Ribbon that encircled the Pentagon this week. Ms. Spear, who is the former President of the local chapter of Church Women United, embroidered the word "Peace" in several languages. Mr. Hamidi, owner of the Casablanca Middle Eastern Restaurant, and Ms. Kinberg, wife of the Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel, advised her on the spelling of Peace in Arabic and Hebrew.

RUNNING: PRE'S TRAIL & BEYOND

Sign Stolen

Vandals and/or thieves have stolen the attractive Pre's Trail sign which has been located near the millrace footbridge near Autzen Stadium in Alton Baker Park. The sign, which has been in place for a number of years, has been invaluable for locals as well as out-of-town visitors and runners alike. Persons who might know the person or persons who stole the important sign should encourage its return. It has been a necessary guide for Pre's Trail use in the planning of runs, speed of runs and indicating where the sawdust trails take the runner. Pre's Trail makes little sense without the sign!

Pre's Trail, combined with the Bike Trails along the Willamette River, provide one of the outstanding running facilities of the U.S. and probably the world. The complex attracts tourists and visitors from all over. An additional day or two spent in the community is worth dollars in the

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bank for our local economy. Please telephone 686-0812 for a confidential tip on where the sign might be found or take the sign back to where it belongs. It is important that the sign be returned.

The 52-day drought, which ended on July 31, did not diminish summer running. Many opted for early morning runs during the hot weather. With the rains, conditions have again been ideal for running any time during the day or evening. Both Pre's Trail and the Amazon Trails have held up well this summer, but have been slightly dusty. (An older pair of shoes and a daily sock change are almost a must for running on both trails because of the dust.)

New Tunnel

University officials should consider an under-Franklin Boulevard tunnel while constructing the new Science Building complex. This would seem to be feasible and would encourage safety for runners, bikers and pedestrians en route to the bike and running trails as well as Autzen Stadium.

Local Runners/Writers

Kay Porter and Judy Foster have placed a new dimension on the matter of fitness and how to go about it. Wm. C. Brown Publishers will publish their new book, *The Mental Athlete*, in ear-

ly October. The book is an improvement and evolution from their previous workbook, *Mental Training for Peak Running Performance*. The new book is designed for all types of exercise and athletics. Also, in keeping with times and technology, a computerized version (selling for \$19.95) will be available. Still to be released is a videotape for either Beta or VHS, but we'll tell you more about that in our next column.

Porter and Foster, both runners, stress the importance of having a positive and definitive mental attitude towards peak performance as well as attainment of goals. Their program (book, workbooks, computer program, and videotapes) help users gain the mental edge, which in turn can help in overcoming many of the psychological roadblocks that hold many persons back from gaining peak performance. Their enterprise is not only an exciting venture for them, but provides still another dimension to the many factors which go to make Eugene one of the health and fitness centers of the U.S.

Upcoming Runs

Scandia Run, August 10, Junction City, 8 am, starts at 6th and Deal Street just off the main street of Junction City (N. Highway 99). Entry fee is \$8 but no late registrations are allowed, with all registrations to have been completed by Aug. 3. The course is 10K (6.2 miles).

Siuslaw Running Club All Comers, Saturday, August 17. An all-comers track meet starting at 10 am at Siuslaw High School at Florence. Registration is 50¢ per event.

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