

Eugene to boycott non-ERA states

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The city of Eugene's elected and appointed officials will not be traveling to Florida, Illinois and 13 other states that have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Eugene city council voted 5-2 Monday night in favor of the travel boycott recommended by the Eugene Women's Commission.

The council also approved a resolution opposing the racist policies of the government of South Africa, and endorsed conceptual plans for a civic center complex.

The boycott, adopted in an attempt to press for ERA ratification, included a clause exempting city staff who must conduct business in the blackballed states. However, Charles Henry, city manager, was

directed to minimize any such travels, under the terms of the motion.

Council members Ray Bradley, Betty Smith, Jack Delay, Eric Haws and Scott Lieuallen voted in favor of the ban.

"I am strongly in support of the ERA," said Smith, "and I believe the impact of the boycott written up in the newspapers might make it effective."

Smith subsequently introduced a motion urging organizations, such as the National League of Cities, to avoid scheduling conventions in the ERA states. It was approved 5-2.

Council member Tom Williams, who voted against the boycott, questioned the legality of "lobbying, boycotting or pressuring" by prohibiting travel that was necessary for educational purposes. Stan Long, city attorney, responded that the

council could take that prerogative.

"While lobbying in its pure form to send someone somewhere is prohibited by statute, I don't think that it logically follows not to send someone is unlawful," said Long.

Council member Brian Obie also opposed the ban, saying "the issue here is not the ERA. What is at issue is a boycott and whether we have any business in it, and I believe we do not."

Bradley voiced concern that no pro-ERA representation at the National League of Cities Convention held in a boycotted state will hurt the chances for the organization to go on record in favor of the amendment. He then introduced a motion exempting the convention from the previously passed motion, but was voted down 5-2.

Voting against the Bradley proposal, Delay said he supported the boycott over attending the

convention, regretting he could not do both. "I just have to face my priorities."

According to testimony presented by the women's commission three more states must ratify the constitutional amendment within the next 13 months for it to become law.

During public testimony on the ERA ban, Linda Wilson of the Women's Commission pointed out that due to current boycott efforts on the part of other governmental bodies, Chicago has lost \$1 million in tourist business this year, and stands to lose another \$1 million in cancelled convention plans during the next 13 months.

Margie Hendrickson, a delegate to the National Women's Conference, pleaded her case to the council.

"As a woman taxpayer and citizen I am asking you not to

spend my money in a state that does not treat me as a whole person."

The issue of adverse economic side effects was raised in much of the testimony against the ban. Questions over the scope of the council's authority to coerce other states were also brought up.

In another matter, the council approved a resolution asking Eugeneans to refrain from buying, selling or advertising Krugers, a south African gold coin, by a 6-1 majority. The council listened to 10 minutes of public input on the issue which was largely in favor of the resolution.

Obie, questioning the validity of the council's involvement in the matter, failed in an attempt to table the motion. He said in future meetings he will present a motion to define the parameters of the council's affairs.

Downed timber offers small loggers hope

A timber salvage pilot project extending hopes for small loggers and more intensive forest management was launched Monday by Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore. and John Alcock, Willamette National Forest supervisor.

Weaver and Alcock said 10 small sales of dead standing or downed timber, each less than \$10,000 in value, will be advertised by May 1.

"As far as I'm concerned, this pilot project is just a start," Weaver said. "But we need to see how these sales are received, how many jobs they provide and what the administrative costs are for the Forest Service."

Unlike most commercial sales, which include at least a million board feet of lumber, the salvage sales will offer 30 to 60 thousand board feet each. Five sales have

been set for the Oakridge ranger district, and five for the McKenzie district.

Weaver said the small sales will cost more per board foot than larger sales, but will still make a "healthy" profit for the taxpayer.

The sales will also contribute to more efficient forest management, he said, because much of the timber included in the sales would not have been salvaged at all.

"We are just scratching the

surface in harvesting the timber that is dying and rotting" Weaver said. Weaver aide Dave Fidanque noted that the Willamette National Forest is currently using only one-third of the forest's dead and downed timber, because salvage is not practical for large companies.

The program will make it possible for loggers with limited equipment, capital and manpower to bid on Forest Service timber, Alcock said.

"We will soon see that small sales are the ideal way to fully utilize salvage timber," Weaver said. "It can provide raw material for lumber and other wood products, increase the amount of wood waste available for energy and at the same time create new jobs."

Alcock was somewhat more cautious: "We'll do the best we can to satisfy the demand for these small sales, but we are limited by administrative manpower."



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Workers unite in textile boycott

Two former members of Southern J.P. Stevens textile company will meet Thursday with Lane County J.P. Stevens workers and boycotters in an attempt to give the nationwide boycott more publicity.

The Reverend Ed Fleming and Mildred Cribbs, now on a West

Coast speaking tour, will meet with a representative from the Lane County J.P. Stevens Boycott committee and a member of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. That evening Fleming and Cribbs will speak in the Eugene City Council chambers, starting at 7:30 p.m.

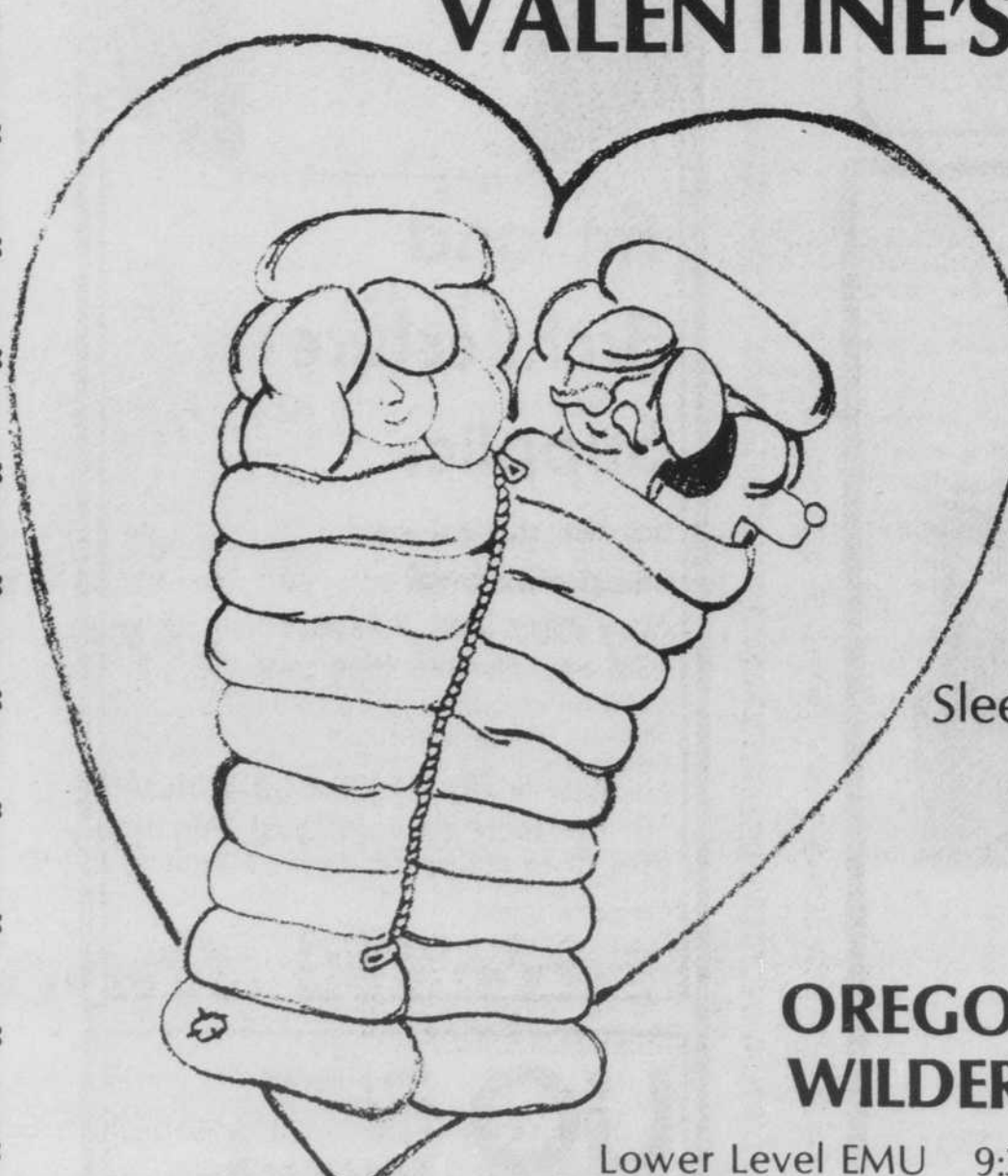
The groups hope the manager of Bon Marche in Eugene will join their boycott. The Lane County boycott committee has tried repeatedly to meet with the downtown Bon Marche manager and has been distributing leaflets in front of the store on Saturdays for more than a month, according to Stefan Ostrach, a committee member.

One Bon Marche employee explained the store has no official position on the boycott, but it also has no intention of stopping the sales of the company's bedclothes, carpets and towels.

"J.P. Stevens is a very good name for linen products in the mind of the customer," the employee explained. "When they want linen products, they usually ask for J.P. Stevens by name."

J.P. Stevens, the second largest textile manufacturer in the nation, has been found guilty of more labor law violations than any other company in American history, explained Roger Yocely, AFL-CIO representative who will accompany Fleming and Cribbs on their Eugene tour.

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