

## Letters

### No on #51

The current campaign against Eugene's present Human Rights Ordinance borders on complete paranoia. "Keep it Straight" cry the billboards and newspaper ads.

One wonders why the courageous souls running these ads didn't oppose previous civil rights legislation protecting other minorities in Eugene from discrimination by using a "Keep it White" campaign slogan. I can't imagine that non whites are any more acceptable to these bigots than gay people.

Love thy neighbor and Note NO on 51.

Don Powell  
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### For Craig

Jack Craig is the best choice for Eugene voters in the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) Commissioner race.

While the administration of EWEB may not seem important to many voters consider: 1. EWEB is third owner of the Trojan Atomic Reactor at Ranier, Oregon. 2. EWEB is the largest public utility in Oregon. 3. EWEB rates directly effect all costs of living in Eugene. 4. EWEB must maintain the water quality in Eugene. The watershed, up river along the McKenzie, is a target area for herbicide sprays.

Jack Craig will fight for the best interests of Eugene citizens on these issues. The incumbent commissioner has failed to offer needed leadership in these and other areas. All of EWEB operates too much like a private utility and not enough like a rate-payer owned service agency.

Craig realizes that Eugene voters have twice expressed their displeasure with EWEB's moves towards nuclear energy. In 1970 a moratorium was enacted to prohibit plants in Lane County and in 1976 the Nuclear Safeguards Act won approval of Eugene voters. Jack respects and agrees with the views of the citizens and will reflect the public mandate in his decision making.

Craig realizes the need to protect our status as a preference customer for BPA power. Hydro power is clean power and also we benefit by low rates. Jack will fight the schemes of the private utilities to destroy the preference clause and increase our rates to line their fattened pockets.

Craig realizes the need to keep residential power costs down. He values our high quality of drinking water and will act to prevent contamination by herbicides and other chemical pollutants.

Jack Craig has an excellent record as a State Legislator. He earned high marks from the Oregon Environmental Council, AFL-CIO, Oregon Times and the Lane County Democratic Party, which has endorsed Jack for this EWEB Commission Seat.

State Representatives Nancie Fadeley and Grattan Keraas, Eugene City Council persons Jack Delay and Scott Lieuallen, Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust and former EWEB Member John Reynolds have joined me in supporting Jack.

Please remember — Jack Craig for EWEB. Let's keep Eugene a great place to live.

John Stewart  
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### Theory lacking

I am shocked to learn the "electoral theory" subscribed to by Molly Devlin, ASUO Vice resident in charge of University Affairs. Her theory, disclosed during the Wednesday meeting of the Constitution Committee, maintains that a balloted "No Response" vote represents "ignorance" on the behalf of the student voter. If this is indeed the current ASUO Executive's belief, then I call for an immediate explanation.

As I understand electoral procedure, the "No Response" option is consciously made available on ballots so that if a voter considers neither candidate acceptable or qualified, such a legitimate concern may be made known. If in fact an election is held in which "No Response" receives the most votes, then the governing body would be required to hold a new election to find a qualified candidate for the voting population. I object to the contention that anyone who wishes to vote "No Response" simply wishes to be considered "neutral" in their political thought.

I sincerely hope that Ms. Devlin's present theory can be corrected and that the new ASUO Executive will consciously uphold this traditional and valid option for the voters.

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## Pressure for justice

Submitted by Douglas Huneke  
with nine co-signers, from the  
Campus Christian Ministry

When the State Board of Higher Education voted to divest itself of stocks in companies doing business in South Africa, it gave a measure of hope to those who struggle for the freedom and dignity of their people. The Board action gave Black South Africans added support in their work for equity and human rights. Then, the Attorney General of Oregon submitted an opinion declaring that divestment could not be ordered. The opinion begs the question of apartheid, saying that the real matter is the security of income to the system of higher education — by implication, also security for the companies which do business in South Africa. We have been told that any moral and political reasons for divestment are superceded by the profits of these companies.

Today, we say that we cannot support the "prudent man" (sic) rule which perpetuates the investments of companies doing business in South Africa.

The "prudent-human-being" rule which we will observe demands that we do everything in our power to support the peaceful and rapid transition of political power to the majority in South Africa; it demands that we support an equitable economic order for all South Africans; it cries out for an end to the forces of racism, oppression and bigotry which rule South Africa.

Today, we shall not lower our eyes and look away from the terrible cruelty being done in South Africa. We will not look the other way while the education of Oregon students is supported by the continued oppression of Black South Africans. We cannot accept "education" at the expense of a people who have been crushed by the sheer weight of slavery. We must not deny them justice because of the greedy desire to protect the income of our educational system.

Today, we place great pressure on the government of South Africa and on companies which do business in that land. The pressure or divestment is pressure for justice and for the emancipation of the oppressed people of South Africa.

### opinion

## For Israel's celebration

Submitted by Yeshiyah  
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There seems to be an endless stream of political rhetoric filling the air these days. We are subjected to an endless barrage of propaganda contrasting the idealist goals of this movement versus the oppressive, racist nature of that movement. Considering the political sophistication of much of this propaganda and the vast monetary support of many of these organizations, it is quite easy for the average uninformed student to become the average misinformed student.

Eyewitnessed events, though, offer an individual the opportunity to evaluate the pros and cons of a political question based solely on his or her understanding of the situation. It is easy to distort and misrepresent events taking place 10,000 miles from us; it is not so easy when these events occur on our campus.

Case in point: the celebration of Israeli Independence Day sponsored by the Jewish Student Union (JSU) and the counter demonstration by the Arab Students Organization. As anyone familiar with events sponsored by the JSU knows only too well some degree of disruption of these events by our Arab brothers and sisters is a natural as winter skies in Oregon. Even such an event as the discussion on the "Holocaust" can be tastelessly transformed into a political forum for espousing anti-Zionist propaganda. Even the memory of our six million martyred dead isn't free from such abuse.

The events surrounding the celebration last Thursday of the rebirth of our Jewish nation in our ancestral homeland though, were of a frighteningly

different nature. As anyone who was present at the time can attest to, when the Arab students and their supporters repeatedly marched, one hundred strong, through the EMU, stopping to surround the JSU information table and its two occupants (provocatively armed as we were with helium balloons and falafel), bellowing their anti-Zionist slogans and waving their banners and placards, what was being attempted was a rather blatant act of political suppression and intimidation. Terrorism is terrorism, no matter where it is practiced or for what self-righteous reason it occurs. What we witnessed Thursday was a perfect example of the subtle form of political terrorism currently being waged on campus.

The question we must all ask ourselves is whether or not we hold our democratic ideals of free speech and freedom of assembly to be of any value and if they are worth defending. Democratic political systems are few and far between in modern society. I feel it is the obligation of everyone of us to be informed as to which movements are indeed democratic and freedom-loving and which merely give lip service to such ideals as "Democratic Secular States," but which are totalitarian and racist in actual practice.

There is but one democracy in all of the Middle East. There is only one nation in which the rights of all peoples are protected by law and where all citizens, men and women, Moslem, Christian, and Jew, freely elect their own leaders. There is but one nation where freedom of religion is not a sham, but an actuality and where the holy shrines of all religions are protected and free from desecration. The flag of that nation flew over our campus last Thursday as it celebrated its 30th birthday. I hope you all saw it. L'Chaim Israel!

### opinion

## Divestment for South Africa is also for Chile

Submitted by Adeline Brunner  
for the Committee for a Free  
Chile

The Eugene Committee for a Free Chile wishes to express its solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa in their struggle against apartheid. In line with this, we wholeheartedly support the May 19 rally in Salem, Oregon to protest the decision of State Attorney General Redden that the State Board of Higher Education has no authority to divest its stocks of corporations doing business in South Africa. Redden's decision not only supports apartheid, but is also a blow against the Chilean peoples struggle against the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet.

The South Africa-Chile links are direct and obvious. Those same corporations which are on the list for divestment (Exxon, General Motors, IBM, Bank America etc.) are the same corporations which financially

and politically supported the right-wing, military forces which carried out the coup against the democratically elected Popular Unity government of Chile in September of 1973. These same corporations which reap their super-profits off the exploitation of black labor in South Africa are today reaping the rewards of their "investments" in Chile. As in South Africa, these "profits" are being paid for by the blood of the Chilean people. Paid for in the murder and torture of tens of thousands of Chilean people, in the massive unemployment sweeping the country (20 percent or more), in the malnutrition which is predicted to leave in its wake hundreds of thousands of brain damaged children, in forced exile of over 1 million Chileans, and the continuing plight of the over 3,000 Chileans who have simply "disappeared." All these are an echo of South Africa.

The international isolation of both the

South African and Chilean regimes, forced by the solidarity of the world's peoples, has made the regimes turn increasingly to each other for support. South Africa has a full embassy in Chile. In 1975-1976 there were reports of some \$450 million in economic assistance to Chile from South Africa, and reports of arms sales to Chile through South African embassies in Europe. And in the last year, increasing reports of Chilean troops fighting alongside South African troops against SWAPO in Namibia.

The rally Friday takes on a particular significance at this moment as people around the world continue to work in solidarity with the South African and Chilean people's struggle against oppression, and people in the US continue to fight racism and oppression here. The Bakke Decision threatens to roll back the hard won gains of 3rd World people and women in this country for better educational opportunities and employment.

The U.S. Congress House Banking Committee has begun an investigation into the over \$1 billion in loans by private lending institutions to Chile since the coup. (Bank America, along with 16 other North American banks lent the junta \$125 million in May of 1976, alone. In November of that same year, Bank America with 5 other banks loaned the Vorster regime \$110 million.) And as if to provide us with the appropriate symbol for this "unholy" alliance, the Chilean torture ship "Esmeralda," docks in San Francisco this week, at the invitation of the U.S. Navy, carrying on board its honorary crew of South African officers.

Solidarity with the struggles of the Southern African and Chilean peoples! Divestment in South Africa means divestment in Chile!

Support the divestment! Overturn the Bakke decision!

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