



HOWARD WILLITS, a former East County state representative and longtime anti-war activist, is leading a one-man picket line against reinstatement of draft registration. Willits picketed in front of Mt. Hood Community College Wednesday and has protested on other Portland-area campuses.

One-man picket line protests draft, war

You may have seen him pacing the Mt. Hood Community College campus Wednesday: A 77-year-old man in a long tweed coat and fedora, holding an anti-war placard high while the Royal Lichtenstein Circus gave a noon performance nearby.

Howard D. Willits has picketed for many reasons during a politically active life, he said. But the former East County legislator considers non-violence a special cause.

"War does not settle anything," he said. "It just kills a lot of people."

When President Carter called for reinstatement of draft registration recently, Willits took to the streets with a hand-lettered sign: "Don't register for the draft. Don't kill for oil. To kill is wrong, un-patriotic, wasteful, inflationary. Don't register."

"I agree with you all the way," said Kurt Sickler, a high school student from Hillsboro. Fellow student Randy Schlosser added his support as he shook Willits' hand. "I refuse to go, that's it," he said. "I'm not going to go to Canada, but I'm not going to go to war."

This week Willits has spent several hours each day at area colleges, including Reed College, Lewis and Clark College and Portland State University. He says he'll continue to make his peaceful rounds "wherever there are young people," such as in theater lines and at other schools.

Willits thinks war is always unnecessary. And he's especially worried that Carter will involve the country in a conflict with Russia to boost his popularity with voters.

"I've been through a number of wars," said Willits, who was a conscientious objector in World War II. "But this (would be) a much more serious war because we have nuclear weapons that could wipe civilization clear off the map, annihilate everybody. We could all be dead within an hour."

Willits doesn't believe the United States should take action against Russia for its invasion of Afghanistan. "We have done the same thing," he said. "We have gone to war to annex territory. We can't point a finger of blame at Russia."

During his 12-year term as an East County legislator, Willits protested American involvement in the Vietnam War and championed black and women's rights — he supports the Equal Rights Amendment.

His professions have ranged from banker to YMCA-YWCA secretary to hardware dealer and land manager. One son served in the Army and one grandson is a Marine, but the family is tolerant of each other's philosophies, he said.

The Portland resident estimates that 99 percent of the students he's talked to agree with his anti-war views. He's advised them all to write "millions" of letters to the president.

"I think we're going to stay out of war, thanks to the students," he said.

Peters named to council

Sandy Union High School Superintendent Jack Peters has been appointed to the Oregon governor's steering committee on the handicapped in ceremonies at the capitol on Feb. 12.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh swore in 38 people he appointed to the committee.

Combining the functions of the former governor's steering committee and

governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, the committee's broad range of duties include identifying, publicizing, and advising state and local government agencies about the concerns, legal rights and responsibilities of the handicapped.

Peters is one of six regular members who will serve three year terms as public representatives.

Engineers organize

Engineers are noted for being organized.

And they'll be more so in the future with the organization of the American Association of Engineering Societies, says an Oregon State University professor who heads the sixth largest of the 35 engineering groups that now make up AAES.

James Knudsen, who is president of the 47,000-member American Institute of Chemical Engineers, attended the Washington, D.C., meeting earlier this month where the 35 societies — representing nearly a million members in all — joined together as a federation.

The new American Association of Engineering Societies will provide a single, strong voice on many issues that are of national significance, including energy and environmental problems, Knudsen said.

The public affairs council of AAES will focus on providing current, correct technical information to the public and to governmental agencies, he said.

The international affairs council will develop cooperative working relations with world engineering organizations; the engineering affairs

council will be concerned with engineering ethics and professionalism in the future with the organization of the American Association of Engineering Societies, says an Oregon State University professor who heads the sixth largest of the 35 engineering groups that now make up AAES.

A board of directors that has representation from all of the individual engineering societies will call the signals for the new "umbrella" organization, Knudsen said. Annual meetings will be held every spring, starting this March in South Carolina.

"Engineers feel their responsibilities in national affairs and progress," Knudsen said. "About half of all the job offers made to U.S. university graduates this past year were in engineering fields. It is hoped that the combined organization will enhance U.S. efforts in such vital areas as development of new energy sources, mass transportation advances, housing, etc."

Water election will be held

Hoodland residents will get a chance to vote on whether they want a county water service district in their area as the county commissioners have called for an election on the matter for March 25, according to county counsel Jack Schwab.

The county received a petition from Hoodland registered voters on Feb. 14, Schwab said, and the required number of voters have been verified. Approximately 225 names were on the petition and the county stop counting valid signatures when it reached 41 or 42, he said.

The county only needed

about 38 valid signatures, Schwab said, which is 15 percent of the 274 registered voters in the area.

Voters will decide whether to turn the privately-owned Alder Creek Water Co. into a publicly-owned county water service district. Alder Creek is owned by Gerald "Red" Bennett of Portland and includes local systems Alder Creek-Barlow, Alder Creek-Riverside, Sleepy Hollow, Country Club and Wildwood Annex.

Bennett has been fighting state and federal health agencies over the quality and quantity of Alder Creek water for a couple of years.

Woman injured on Mt. Hood

A young Portland woman was injured during a cross country skiing accident on Mt. Hood Sunday afternoon.

Terri Christine Hall, 15332 S.E. Clay St., was in satisfactory condition Monday at Gresham Community Hospital.

Hall, 27, was rescued from approximately the 4,000-foot level of the mountain by a Clackamas County sheriff's team after the accident. She had injured her back.

A private citizen, John Simonson, address and age unknown, was credited with helping rescue efforts when he took his dog sled team to the accident and helped transport Hall down the mountain.

Hall had set out from the Twin Lakes trail head at Frog Lake with her husband, Michael, and a friend, Dave Redding, but was hurt after they had crossed about 2 miles into Wasco County.

Photo contest offered by port

To commemorate National Transportation Week, May 11-17, the Port of Portland will sponsor a photography contest open to the public. The theme of all entries will be "Transportation — America's Lifeline."

Photos for the fifth annual contest may be submitted in any of four categories: black-and-white-scenic; black-and-white-people; color-scenic; and color-people.

More than one photograph may be entered and certificates will be awarded to winners in all categories. Entries must be 8x10 inches or larger and must be mounted but unframed.

The first 50 persons submitting contest entries will receive an invitation for two to a cruise aboard the sternwheel steamer "Portland" from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 16. Winners will be announced and awards presented during the cruise.

Although persons of all ages may enter the contest, Coast Guard regulations prohibit children under 16 from riding on the steamer.

Deadline for entries is Friday, May 2. Photographs may be mailed or delivered to Vicki Mallonee, Public Affairs Division, Port of Portland, P.O. Box 3529, Portland, OR 97208. Port offices are located on the 13th floor of the Lloyd Building, 700 NE Multnomah St. The

Port reserves the right to publish winning photographs.

To honor Purdy

Renaming of road sought

A petition, in honor of the late James Purdy, is being circulated in and around the Brightwood area to change the name of the Brightwood Loop to James C. Purdy.

Bill Dunham, a spokesman for the initiative, estimated that about 250 signatures have been obtained through two petitions, one being stationary in Ted's Brightwood Store and the other being circulated to area home owners.

February before being turned into the Clackamas County Commissioners, according to Dunham. James Purdy, who passed

away last month, was a well respected community leader who lived on the Brightwood Loop and operated Brightwood Garage and Towing.

Watercolor paintings exhibited

Watercolor paintings by Estacada artist Kari Anderson are exhibited now through March at Dayspring Gallery, adjacent to Sandy

Photo Factory, at 39570 Pioneer Blvd.

Many of the pastoral scenes depict the surrounding area.

Classifieds? Hotline phone number is 667-6633

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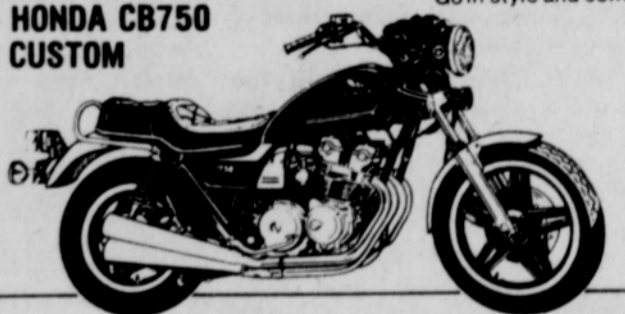
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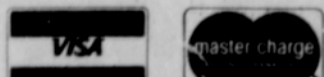
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