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Vancouver Citizens pace setters

With the city election in which two black men were elected to city-wide positions, those of city council and school board, the people of the City of Vancouver have joined those of other enlightened areas where men are not judged on race alone. The people of Vancouver, with an over 99% white population, chose black men to represent them in the important areas of city government and the operation of their public schools. The people of Vancouver are to be complimented for their wisdom.

However, this is not a first for the State of Washington. Art Fletcher served on the Pasco city council and Washington has already had a black in the legislature. Washington has traditionally been less conservative than Oregon and would be expected to lead Oregon in this important area.

The time has now come for Oregonians to take a look at the political advances of our neighboring states of Washington and California and to the advantages their elected black officals have brought to both black and white citizens. Black officials such as Senator Brooke and Rep. Ron Dellums have contributed much to the progress of the democratic ideals of this nation and their application to all people. Not only blacks have benefited by their service, but also the young, the less fortunate whites, and other groups that the fruits of democracy do not always reach.

Police Corruption

The Knapp Commission which just finished hearings on police corruption in New York City found: 1) virtually all contractors putting up buildings in NYC bribe the police and other agencies to the tune of 5% of the building costs.
2) There is a pattern of organized corruption within the narcotics units of the Police Departments and the Federal Government.
3) Managers of major hotels stated they had provided meals and rooms for police.
4) Virtually every gambling enforcement unit receives regular monthly bribes.
5) A large number of patrolmen receive regular bribes from gamblers, truck operators and other businessmen.
6) Some narcotics police use their addict informers to steal whiskey, cigarettes and other goods.

Now in Portland a police lieutenant and former head of the vice and narcotics unit has been indicted for purgery in connection with grand jury hearings on gambling, and it has been disclosed that police and the District Attorney's office have looked the other way as far as gambling is concerned. Private clubs have long been the haven of gambling for those who could afford to belong and who meet the "qualifications."

Ralph Nader recommended prison sentences for corporation leaders who commit corporate crimes against the public, stating that this time of crime goes unpunished because of the promenance of those involved, and the natural business bias of law enforcement.

It is difficult to teach young people respect for the law when justice is not applied equally to all segments of the population.

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Nixon does it again

Nixon has done it again. In his quest for a "conservative" for the U.S. Supreme Court, he had has come up with a racist.

The Americans for Democratic Action announced it will oppose Rehnquist's confirmation on the grounds that he had "neither the respect for minority aspirations nor the devotion to the Bill of Rights that should be the hallmark of a Supreme Court Justice. . . his record is in opposition to the great advances of recent years in civil rights and civil liberties. Mr. Rhenquist is an assistant attorney general who has taken strong law and order stands on issues such as wiretapping, mass arrests of demonstrators and surveillance of suspected subversives.

The Leadership Conferencs on Civil Rights, an organization made up of 125 organizations with civil rights interests, will oppose the confirmation of the nomination of William H. Rhenquist to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The NAACP Southwest Area Conference unanimously opposed William H. Rehnquist, calling him "a rational reactionary, sophisticated racist and champion of right-wrong causes."

Rev. George Brooks, past-president of the Maricopa County NAACP, said Rehnquist had gone to predominately black voting places on election days and challenged the rights of blacks to vote by demanding that they read and interpret sections of the Constitution. He also opposed the Arizona civil rights bill of 1968. Rev. Brooks said Rehnquist had told him the bill would deny whites the right to discriminate.

In September 1957, in a talk in Phoenix, Rehnquist called chief Justice Warren and Justices Black and Douglas the "left-wing" of the Supreme Court. He emphasized that he was not saying they were sympathetic to communism, but added that Justice Brennon sometimes joined these three "left-wing philosophers" and that the four were "making the constitution say what they wanted it to say." He has in effect called Warren a political hack and poked fun at him for graduating near the bottom of his class at Berkley.

In December, 1957, he wrote in U.S. News and World Report that Supreme Court Justices were influenced by "unconscious slanting of materials by their clerks. Some of the tenants of the liberal point of view . . . Extreme solicitude for the claims of Communists and other criminal defendants, expansion of federal power at the expense of state power, great sympathy toward any government regulation of business - in short, the political philosophy now expounded by the court under Chief Justice Earl Warren."

In 1969, in Newark, he called student rioters "new barbarians". "These new barbarians care nothing about our government and law."

Last March he told the Maricopa County Bar Association that investigative powers of law enforcement agencies should not be reduced, even though some officers might abuse their authority now and then. The Justice Department disclosed that Rehnquist opposed integration of high school and public accommodations in his home town. In September, 1967, he wrote: "The school's job is to educate children. They should not be saddled with a task of fostering social change which may lesson their ability to perform this primary job." In June 1964, he complained that the city council's public accommodations law was a "mistake" and would result in "the unwanted customer and the disliked proprietor glowering at one another over the lunch counter."

Lewis F. Powell, Jr., the other nominee, wrote attorney General John Mitchell in August of 1971, urging him to reverse his ruling that Richmond, Virginia's annexation of white suburban areas violated voting rights of city blacks by diluting their power.

Also of concern is the fact that Powell owns more than $1 million worth of shares in 30 corportations. He, his wife, and his son own shares in 38 corporations. Judges are required to disqualify themselves in cases involving companies in which they or their families hold shares. A new legal cannon expected to be adopted would require judges to sell any shares that "might require frequent disqualification."

It appears that Nixon cannot find two men in all of the nation that meet his "conservative requirements and who are not also overt racists.

Green leads Anti busing fight

Rep. Edith Green of Oregon, House leader in education legislation, has again joined forces with the conservatives to fight the face issue of "busing". Mrs. Green, saying, "We cannot go back 100 years to make up for the errors of our ancestors", spoke for the members of the House of Representatives who voted to restrict desegregation of the public schools. The House amendments to the education bill say that no federal desegregation order may be put into effect until the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled on that case; a second amendment prohibits the use of federal funds to finance the busing of school children for the purpose of racial desegregation; the third amendment forbids the federal government from requiring schools to use state or local money for busing. These amendments, if adopted by the Senate, will bring to an end the progress in federally ordered school desegregation.

Mrs. Green has long been opposed to busing, which would make one assume that she is also opposed to school desegregation since housing patterns preclude desegregation without some form of busing in most areas. She uses an example of her form of busing in most areas. She uses as an example of her concern a friend whose family lived in suburban Washington, D.C. The residence was chosen largely because of the excellent schools, but a busing program so inundated the school with black children, that the friends were afraid to send their children to school.

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The University of Georgia has voluntarily dropped the word "Dixie" from the name of its band. Formerly called the Dixie Redcoat Band, the band will be known as the University of Georgia Redcoat Marching Band.

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The Supreme Court turned down a request that it review the federally ordered busing plan for desegregating the Pontiac, Michigan schools.

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The presidents of five black colleges will take part in a 16 day study-tour of Israel arranged by the Anti-Defomation League of Bnai Bith. The educators will examine Israels methods of education for the disadvantaged, the country's youth, health and immigration projects, and its handling of ethnic problems. They will also set a student exchange program.

Those participating are: Dr. Charles Hurst, Malcolm X College in Chicago; Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, North Carolina A&T; Dr. Roy Hudson, Hampton Institute; Dr. James R. Lawson, Fish University; and Dr. Granville Sawyer, Texas Southern University.

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WASHINGTON BRIEFS

U. S. Representative Charles Diggs Jr. (Dem.-Mich) was married on Nov. 6 to Miss Janet Elaine Hall. The wedding was held at Riverside Church in New York. Diggs holds the rank of Ambassador as a full delegate to the U.N. General Assembly. He is chairman of the sub-committee or Africa of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

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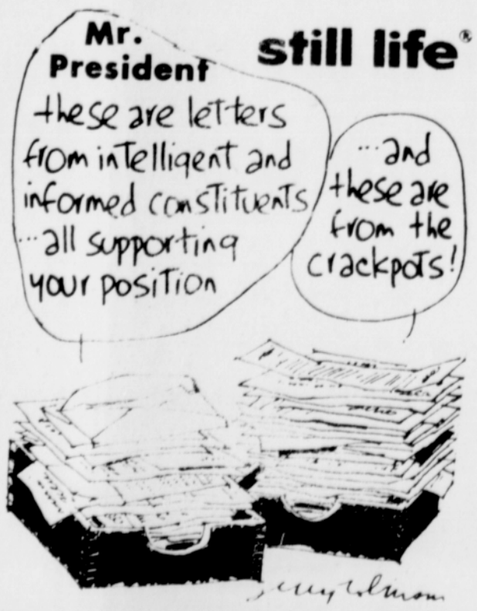
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a suit asking a federal court to halt unconstitutional political surveillance and intimidation of peaceful groups and individuals by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The suit also asks for the destruction of all FBI files on such groups and individuals including the FBI's "Security Index".

Amchitka proves Nixon's greed

The administration has announced that the Amchitka atomic test was a success. The U. S. will have a bigger and better bomb. The test did not cause an earthquake; it did not cause a tidal wave. Although it will not be known conclusively for many months, it apparently did not release radiation or atomic waste into the atmosphere.

The test did show conclusively that the President is so intent on building a larger war machine that he put this bomb test above the safety of the peoples of the world. He placed its importance above that of the respect of our allies and closest friends - Canada, Japan, and Sweden - all of which protested the test. He placed it before the success of nuclear arms control negotiations. He placed it above his new found concern for the environment, a move that gives further evidence to the idea that his talk about environment is a ploy to cloud the serious issues of racism, poverty and unemployment.

But most important, the President placed his desire for power above the desires of his people. He has demonstrated once again that the pleas, demands, petitions and demonstrations of the people he was elected to represent will go unheeded.



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