

Jackson announces new program

Development of a comprehensive economic plan for the black and poor that will solicit aid from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and a "Survival Bill of Rights" for children and the elderly are part of a 12-point platform of Operation PUSH, a new organization being formed in Chicago by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

The organization's platform was announced at a public meeting held on Christmas Day. The organization meeting of People Umped ave Humanity, held a week earlier, was attended by more than 3,000 persons.

The overall thrust of the new group is to "challenge the oppressive, economic, political, and social forces and to obtain our goals through research, education, development and execution of direct action programs that provide for an economic, political and cultural democracy."

The 12-point platform is:

1. PUSH for a comprehensive plan for the development of black and poor people;
2. PUSH for the revival of the labor movement to protect the organized workers and to organize the unorganized workers;
3. PUSH for human alternatives to the welfare system;
4. PUSH for a Survival Bill of Rights for all children up to the age of 18, guaranteeing their food, clothing, shelter, medical care and education.
5. PUSH for a Survival Bill of Rights for the aging, guaranteeing adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care and meaningful programs;
6. PUSH for full political participation including automatic voter registration as a right of citizenship.
7. PUSH to elect to local, state and federal offices persons committed to humane economic and social programs;
8. PUSH for human conditions in prisons and sound rehabilitation programs;
9. PUSH for a Bill of Rights for veterans who are ignored;
10. PUSH for adequate health care for all people based upon need;
11. PUSH for quality education regardless of race, religion or creed; and
12. PUSH for economic and social relations with the nations of Africa in order to build African-Afro-American unity.



REV. JESSE JACKSON

Push replaces Breadbasket

by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

Like Victor Hugo's eloquent poem, "Operation Push" is an idea "whose time has arrived." The word "push" represents an act of moving forward for us. It also denotes the purpose of the new organization, namely to be "People United to Save Humanity."

Our new organization will extend beyond the boundaries of Chicago and even the nation. You will notice that we've put no racial designation on our organizational title, for while we are black, we know that humanity not only comes in all colors but in all conditions. People in Red China and the Bangla Desh area of Pakistan are humanity... And so are those in the Appalachian white community of Chicago.

The key to meaning for us and the bridge of brotherhood to them is found in the act of People United to Save Humanity. Our central premise is that power resides in the People, not in Presidents or Proprietors but People!

Operation PUSH will continue to feed hungry people and to fight for a program providing jobs or an income for all people in this country. It will be involved in the fight for decent, quality education and for reform of the legal system, especially as it is evidenced in the courts, because vast numbers of our people are still being economically disenfranchised by loss of their land in the South.

We will be working to design a land reform program and also working to fight the land grabs in this nation. This includes the land grabs and the rip-offs undertaken by the Departments of Urban Renewal in the cities. We will be concerned with children's Bill of Rights. We will be working

for an enlarged role for black workers in this nation.

We will oppose all imperialistic wars generated by this or other nations, but we will support wars of liberation, such as those which Central Africans in Mozambique and Angola are waging against the Portuguese and any future war which would occur in South Africa. We will be applying for non-government organization status in the United Nations. We are also requesting an audience with officers of the World Bank.

Obviously we are laying plans to escalate our work in the political arena, and while the contest is going on to secure convention delegates, we will be actively cognizant of the fact that our votes to both parties, but especially to the Democratic Party, constitute a distinct tax which has not been matched in terms of representation on the floor of the convention, in its committees or among its chairmanships.

This year we are stating that taxation without representation is tyranny and we will not support tyranny in any form.

Some columnists in particular have made much of our statement concerning the birth of the new organization at Christmas time. The questions have centered on whether I considered the new organization, the church and myself, a messiah. The issue, however, is whether our new organization can become the new salvation for black people and all people whose lives are burdened by the shackles of deprivation.

I am an ordinary man. I do not consider myself a god, and as such, I will make mistakes. When the cameras and mikes are thrust in my direction, they are directed, in a larger sense to the constituency I represent - a reality, not a myth or a fable, manifested each Saturday morning.

Today, we can report that at least partly as the result of our agitation, the schools which were scheduled to close in early December have remained open. Teacher-nurses will be on the job until June. The welfare crisis has gained new dimensions of social and political action and with the intervention of the courts, medical aid grants have been sustained. State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan proved unacceptable to scores of decent whites, as well as countless black voters, who showed the Democratic machine that they could not be taken for granted with candidates shoved down their throats. The next state's attorney will think twice before unleashing his w for us.



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Language of Jesus survives

The small community of Malouia, Syria, which is isolated from the rest of the world except for a small mountain trail, is thought to be the only place on earth where the language Jesus spoke is still used. Aramaic is a collection of semitic languages and dialects spoken in the time of Jesus. Syrian authorities and linguistic experts at the American University in Beirut say Aramaic was the language Jesus spoke and it survived here because the tiny mountain town was inaccessible until modern times.

Situated 38 miles from Damascus, Malouia was built into a cleft in the mountain, hidden from view on all sides and with only one trail leading to it. Along with the ancient language, the villagers have also retained their biblical life style.

Mud-brick and stone houses, many painted pale blue, are piled one on top of the other along the sheer face of a cliff. Ladders or narrow mud alleys connect the buildings, some of which are grottos hollowed into the stone hillsides. Many grottos are engraved with Greek writings from the first century.

The Convent of St. Takla, said to be the oldest in the world, sits at one side. Nuns believe the water that oozes from the rocky ceiling above St. Takla's tomb has holy qualities.

Minister does two-fold job

Ullyses S. Carr is an ordained minister who helps people "weekdays as well as on Sundays" through a separate but related career as an equal employment opportunity specialist in the Northwest regional office of the U.S. Labor Department's Manpower Administration.

In his federal job, Carr is responsible for determining that manpower training projects in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington meet Federal requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

His vigilance provides assurance that minorities get their full entitlement under Federally-funded programs in the four-state region.

On Sundays, many of those who hear him in church pulpits are the same poor people who benefit through the manpower training programs which clear his desk in planning stages.

During the week, however, his audiences in the Labor

Department are often made up of project sponsors and representatives to whom he emphasizes requirements of the Civil Rights Act.

A native of Oklahoma, born and raised on a farm, the soft spoken 57 year old black man had a long career in "helping people" prior to joining the Labor Department at Seattle in 1969.

He points out that he has common heritage with those whose interests he serves.

While he came to know the plight of the poor in his own boyhood, it was re-emphasized through personal experience and hardship during the depression of the 1930's.

His life took on new and added dimensions, however, between 1943 and 1946, when night work as a welder in a California shipyard provided him with the time and means to enroll in day classes at San Francisco State College. He received a B.A. degree in psychology and philosophy in 1948.

In 1946, while still in col-

lege, he secured employment as a psychiatric aide in San Francisco's Langley Clinic. In the interim, he also was ordained an Elder in the African Methodist Church in 1947 and entered the Pacific School of Religion Seminary in 1948 to start work for a B.D. degree majoring in religious education.

His first close contact with "troubled people" came about in 1950 when he accepted a position as a group supervisor with the California Youth Authority, assigned to the Preston School of Industry in charge of a 50-ward dormitory occupied by delinquent and young adult criminal offenders in the reformatory.

"I needed all of that psychological training as well as a strong religious foundation," he recalls of his initial role in counseling. Promotion to senior supervisor for another 50-ward dormitory followed when the California Reception Center-Clinic was established in 1954.

National Urban Coalition elects

New executive appointments and promotions within the National Urban Coalition were announced today by Chairman Sol M. Linowitz.

Alfred S. Mills, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The New York Bank for Savings in New York City, has accepted the post of Treasurer.

Clifford Alexander, an attorney with the Washington law firm of Arnold and Porter and former chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, will assume the duties of Secretary.

Both are members of the Coalition's Steering Committee.

Linowitz also announced two new Vice Presidents: Herbert M. Franklin, who had been Director of the Housing and Urban Growth Division, and Alfred F. Fisher, who had been Administrator of the Health Manpower Division.

Other staff changes announced were:

Robert R. Hobson, from Acting Director of Program and Policy Development to Special Assistant to President M. Carl Holman, with liaison responsibilities for economic development and manpower. Charles Jackson, Director of Finance, to Assistant Treasurer.

Leonard Stern, Assistant to the President for Planning and Program Evaluation, to Assistant Secretary of the Coalition.

PCC adds legal courses

"Domestic Law" and "Law Office Management", two new courses in the legal services program at Portland Community College, will be offered winter term. The courses are primarily designed for persons working in the legal field, but they will be open to the public.

"Domestic Law" will be taught by Richard H. Muller, attorney with the firm of Tamblin, Bouneff, McLennan, Muller, Marshall and Hawkes. The class will begin Tuesday, January 11, 7 to 10 p.m., room ST A-1, at PCC's Sylvana Center.

"Law Office Management" will be taught by Robert G. Baylor, Office Manager for Davies, Biggs, Strayer, Steel and Boley. The class will meet in room ST A-4, Sylvana, 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Thursday, January 13. This three-credit offering carries a tuition of \$27.

Minister shaves in Pulpit

Reverend James O'Brien, pastor of the First Parish Congregational Church in Brookton, Massachusetts, produced a pair of clippers and an electric razor and shaved a five-month growth of beard in the pulpit of his church during Sunday morning service.

The 37-year-old minister said his act served a purpose. "I did it as an object lesson, but it was a lot of good fun, too. I asked them if I were any different going bearded into the pulpit than coming out clean-shaven." The minister said he received a lot of back from his congregation when



Clifford Alexander, attorney from Washington, D.C. and former chairman of the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, is the new Secretary of the National Urban Coalition. (Below) Alfred S. Mills chairman and chief executive officer of the New York Bank of Savings, was appointed Treasurer.



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