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Campaign '72



City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor of Portland on March 6th at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Over 600 persons attended the gathering.



Viviane L. Barnett

Barnett seeks seat

Mrs. Viviane L. Barnett announces her candidacy for the State Legislature on the Republican ticket from District 16.

Mrs. Barnett is believed to be the only black woman Realtor in the Northwest and is past President of Realtors of Portland.

Her community involvement goes back many years. She is chairman of the Green Fingers

Program that began 5 years ago in the North area and now has spread to wide areas in other parts of the city. This program was viewed by Mrs. Richard Nixon in 1969 and according to recent remarks made by her and recorded in the December issue of Reader's Digest, it is "one outstanding program in Portland, Oregon." Mrs. Barnett believes "Let the record speak for itself."

On the campaign trail

Most of the Democratic contenders for the presidency are in favor of reducing the penalties for smoking marijuana. Representative Shirley Chisholm and Senator Eugene McCarthy think it should be legalized.

Senators Edmund S. Muskie and Hubert H. Humphrey both said in response to a poll that they favor reduced penalties. Senators George McGovern and Vance Hartke are in favor of an end to jail terms for smokers.

Mayor John Lindsay said there should be no penalties for those over 18, but prefers to see more medical evidence before eliminating penalties entirely.

Senator McCarthy and Rep. Chisholm said marijuana should be legalized and sold like alcohol through government regulated outlets.

The candidate's views came in letters made public by the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws. An organization spokesman said Senator Henry Jackson has not replied but indicated he will. Representative Wilbur Mills and Governor George Wallace refused to reply.

Patsy Mink, Representative from Hawaii, will be on the Oregon primary ballot as a candidate for the presidency. Between 6,000 and 7,000 signatures have been collected on petitions to make the congresswoman a candidate in Oregon.

Representative Mink will personally present the petitions at the Secretary of State's office in Salem on March 10th.

Senator Eugene McCarthy began a four-day campaign tour of Chicago and northern Illinois in an effort to make a strong showing in that state's primary election, March 1. The former Minnesota Senator called for a nationally subsidized health insurance program "that guarantees every citizen both preventive and curative health care."

"The entire medical profession must be made to confront the reality of inadequate health care," he said. "Every one has a right to decent health care. That goal must be one of our nation's highest priorities."

Ernest Gruening, former US Senator from Alaska, said in Olympia that he believes that Senator "Scoop" Jackson of Washington, who is a candidate for the presidency, "would be a very dangerous man to put in the White House."

Gruening, along with Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, was one of two Senators who voted against the Tonkin Resolution which broadened the Vietnam War. He said Jackson is a "Superhawk", who does not want to end the war in Southeast Asia.

He said he admires Jackson personally for the work he did on the Alaska statehood bill and the Alaska native claims measure.

Student files for School Board

As the socialist candidate for School Board Position No. 1, I fully support the campaign of high school women to remove the Rose Festival Princess Selection from the high schools.

This is just another example of the gulf which lies between the School Board and the interests of the majority of students in Portland's high schools. For instance, R.W. de Weese, presently serving on the School Board, also sits on the board of directors of Esco, Cascade Corp., and Evans Products, major corporations which promote this degrading "stock show" of women and reap the giant share of profits from all of the activity generated around it.

This conflict of interests makes it clear that the School Board, as it now stands, is incapable of implementing policies in the interests of high school students, and high school women in particular, even if it so desired. The decision as to whether or not the Rose Festival Princess Selection should remain in the high schools, as well as all other decisions affecting our education, can only be made by high school students. When were women ever consulted as to whether or not they wished to be portrayed as cattle at an auction, judged only by the shape of their limbs? Last year, when Adams High School students were consulted about the use of their school to perpetuate such backward attitudes, they voted overwhelmingly not to participate in the Rose Festival Princess Selection.

The Rose Festival Princess Selection is just one example of the many ways in which this society reduces women to sexual objects in order to use them as promotional gimmicks for making profits. Women's bodies are used to sell

everything from milk to air conditioners. And to add insult to injury, when it comes time to pay women for their labor, they are paid only 60¢ as much as men. High school women are expected to participate in the Rose Festival for free, while businessmen profit by using these women and the Rose Festival to sell their products.

A thin facade of "educational value" is maintained by offering scholarships to winning participants. But if the School Board really had the educational interests of high school women in mind, they would offer scholarships to women without forcing them to sell their bodies for Evans, Esco, and Georgia Pacific!

As the socialist candidate for Position No. 1, I see the struggles of high school students, from the women's liberation movement to the anti-war movement, as part of the overall struggle for our democratic rights and control over the decisions which affect our lives. I think that high school students should be able to use their schools as organizing centers for these and other movements: for Black and Chicano control of the Black and Chicano communities, for the establishment of women's studies centers, as places where students can use their educational facilities to reach out and broaden the movements for social change.

The Socialist Workers Party campaign in 1972 is the only election campaign which completely supports all of these struggles and has a program for winning them. Full democratic rights for high school students and full liberation for women will only be accomplished when this social system is replaced by one based on meeting the needs of people rather than on maintaining the power and privileges of a few.

Don Clark asks re-election

Multnomah County Commissioner Don Clark has announced his plans to file for re-election to a second term in that office.

I believe people want a highly visible government that conducts its business in the public eye and that gives its citizens a voice in its decisions. That automatically means controversy, but that controversy is the best guarantee we have that every side of every issue will be heard. Eight years in elected public office have served to sharpen my commitment to that ideal.

That has been and will continue to be my objective in public office, and that is why I am announcing my plans to file for re-election to a second term as Multnomah County Commissioner.



Chisholm campaigns in Florida

Running hard in Florida's presidential primary, Representative Shirley Chisholm indicated that she expects support from traditional black politicians as well as unorthodox community leaders who meet next month at the national black political convention.

Mrs. Chisholm calls herself the only "unique individual" in the 11 candidate Florida primary. Her campaign lacks money and what she termed "Madison Avenue packaging."

She said she is running on political acumen, shoe leather and lung power. She believes she must be seen to be appreciated.

Therefore she spent the last three days on an intensive campaign. There fore she visited five white and two black colleges and took part in seven live and recorded radio and television interviews.

Lacking money, she depends on volunteers. These have been black school teachers and lawyers or white women's lib advocates and students. Her main headquarters in the state are Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

Her basic strength, she believes, is among the black masses, some Spanish-speaking groups, women and students. She chose the Florida primary because there are so many candidates running and she wanted to show that she could place fifth or sixth against a field of 10 white men.

One of the most asked questions is regarding busing, to which she answers, "Where were these people who are so concerned with neighborhood schools when black children in Mississippi and Georgia and Alabama were getting up a 5 in the morning to get into ramshackle school buses to be bused right by their neighborhood schools?"



Casson bids for city council



Rev. Ellis Casson

Ellis H. Casson, member of the City Planning Commission, President of the Portland Branch of the NAACP, will announce his candidacy for City Councilman on Sunday, March 12, 1972, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend the press conference.

Walker runs for House



Jimmy Walker

Jimmy (Bang-Bang) Walker is running for the House of Representatives, District #14. Walker, a former professional boxer, is the publisher of the Clarion Defender. He manufactures a bio-degradable cleanser and is also a disk jockey.

Walker is a member of the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church, the Urban League, Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Press Club, Eiks, Masons, and the Albina Lions Club.

He is opposed to "welfare chislers" and concerned about taxation, crime in the streets, pollution, employment, brotherhood, and pride and unity for all.



McCoy files for House

Bill McCoy, Chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Control Committee, announces his candidacy for State Representative District #15. McCoy's campaign will focus upon the issues of the district and state issues in the area of human resources. McCoy is a graduate of the University of Portland and has done graduate work at the University of Oregon in Public Administration and at the University of Southern California in Gerontology. McCoy resides at 6650 N. Amburst with his wife, Gladys, who is a member of the Portland School Board, and their 7 children.

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Anderson files for re-election

"I am filing today for re-election to my seat on the City Council. The next few years will be critical years for the people of Portland. Unlike residents in many other cities in this country, we still have the opportunity to ensure that our city remains a great place to live. We can avoid the urban crisis and the flight to the suburbs

if we act now to take advantage of this opportunity. To do this, we will have to make tough decisions that will give the city real, long-term solutions to its problems. I want to be part of this critical decision-making process, and I feel I can make the most effective contribution by continuing in my role as City Councilman."

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