

Campaign '72

Mink opens campaign in Oregon

Women's rights are an "obvious factor" in the campaign of Patsy Mink, U.S. Representative from Hawaii, who arrived in Portland last Friday to begin her campaign for the Presidency in the Oregon Primary election. In addition, Mrs. Mink strongly advocates "the right to participation on every level of society" for any citizen "regardless of race, religion, or sex."

Mrs. Mink hopes for "a thorough change in the order of priorities that our country is committed to." She cited the poverty crisis, education, health and pollution as crucial areas for tax expenditure.

Still the major issue of her campaign, Mrs. Mink feels is that an immediate date should be set for withdrawal from Viet Nam. She stated that she fails "to see any further justification for the war," particularly in light of improved relations with China. Mrs. Mink believes that fear of Chinese expansion justified the war in the minds of many in the past.



Representative Patsy Mink was welcomed to the City of Roses by Gretchen Kafoury, her campaign coordinator for Portland. Representative Mink came to Portland to open her campaign for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

Campaign gifts bring tax break

In the new tax law passed in December Congress adopted a long-advocated step to encourage more small contributions to political campaigns.

Starting this year, taxpayers may get a tax break for political contributions to federal, state or local candidates or committees. They may take either a tax deduction, as they do for a charitable contribution, or a tax credit, which is deducted directly from the income tax owed.

To get the tax deduction you may claim half of your political contributions, but not more than \$50 if you file singly or \$100 on a joint return.

Alternatively, to get the tax credit you may claim \$12.50 on a single return or \$25 on a joint return.

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Casson seeks city post

Ellis Casson announced his candidacy for City Councilman on March 12, at Bethel AME Church. Mr. Casson said in part, "The time has come when City Hall must reflect the thoughts, attitudes and feelings of all the people that it represents. We need a new vision. We need a new voice and we need a new image. This I can offer."

Black Caucus plans education objectives

More than 600 selected delegates will gather in Washington, D.C. March 29 through April 1 at the Congressional Black Caucus to develop a national policy on major educational issues.

The Congressional Black Caucus, joined by other sponsoring groups will attack the lingering problems of education relating to black and deprived communities.

Reordering of priorities will also be one of the prime objectives of the three-day National Policy Conference on Education for Blacks.

Los Angeles Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins, conference vice chairman, said, "The objectives of this conference are simply the development of national policies and positions of an agenda for equal educational opportunities for black children."

Hawkins added, "Recent court cases, pending and proposed federal legislation, the changing complexion of urban and rural school districts, the widespread academic deprivation of black youngsters and the continuing rise in unemployment provoke serious questions about the role and function of education in the lives of black children and youth."

Conference delegates will include educational specialists, elected officials, community leaders, parents, and student groups from throughout the nation.

Dr. Bernard C. Watson, professor and chairman of urban education at Temple University, has been named project director.

According to Hawkins, Watson has had a broad range of experience including teacher and administrator in the public schools and service on the National Advisory Council by appointment of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The conference steering committee will be representative of such co-sponsoring groups as the National Urban League, Metropolitan Applied Research Center, NAACP, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, United Negro College Fund, National Urban Coalition and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

The priorities set by the conference delegates will appear as recommended in the national black agenda that is now being developed by the Congressional Black Caucus.

Harl Haas seeks DA position

Statement of Harl Haas

I am a candidate for District Attorney for Multnomah County.

As a trial lawyer for the past 10 years and a citizen legislator for the past 4 years, I have supported and sponsored the enactment of firm, fair criminal laws, realistic drug abuse legislation, as well as the long-needed consumer and environmental protection laws of the 1971 Legislative Session.

I know that all of us in Multnomah County want these laws firmly and equally enforced by the District Attorney's office. Our Police and Sheriff's Departments have done their jobs well.

However, for the past year, there has been a lack of effective leadership in our District Attorney's office which has resulted in less effective protection of our citizens and unequal enforcement of the law.

Equal and firm enforcement of our law is not accomplished by merely publishing a booklet on consumer protection while allowing an out-of-state promoter to use fraudulent schemes to swindle hundreds of thousands of dollars from citizens of Multnomah County.

The District Attorney's office has an absolute responsibility to treat citizens equally, but equal protection of the law is not accomplished by prosecuting minor criminal conduct of one economic group of our citizens and not enforcing the same law as to other higher economic groups who engage in the same violation of the law.

The District Attorney should have a proper sense of priorities. It is not an answer to the increase in professional and violent crime to concentrate a major portion of the District Attorney's efforts to minor offenses; that is, to attack the minnows and forget the sharks.

We need a District Attorney who is willing, through leadership and an effort of cooperation with the Attorney General's office, to bring about a change in the District Attorney's office.



SENATOR HARL HAAS

al's office and local officials, to develop programs that will prevent criminal conduct - not just prosecute it after a citizen has already been victimized.

Through that type of coordinated effort, we can have effective drug abuse programs of substance, rather than just talking about drug abuse prior to elections.

I pledge to be fair.

I guarantee the law will be equally and uniformly enforced.

The emphasis of the office will be not only to prosecute the guilty, but to cooperate with all governmental units and to provide assistance and leadership in formulating programs to work with our youth and prevent criminal and illegal conduct.

A graduate of Willamette University College of Law in 1961, Haas is now a member of

the Oregon State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Multnomah Bar Association. He has been an instructor at Northwestern College of Law at Lewis and Clark and a lecturer at Willamette University College of Law. Having served as an Oregon State Representative and a State Senator, Haas was a member of the Judiciary Committee of the House and the Criminal Law and Procedure Committee of the Senate.

He authored and co-sponsored many legislative bills in the criminal law field, including the present law which requires the District Attorney's office to speedily bring to trial individuals accused of crimes, and was one of the chief advocates of the Consumer and Environmental Protection Law enacted in the 1971 Legislative Session.

JCPS names board members

Illinois State Sen. Richard Newhouse and Gary, Ind., Mayor Richard G. Hatcher are among 21 prominent black federal, state and local elected and appointed officials and leaders in other fields who have been named members of the Advisory Council of the Joint Center for Political Studies (JCPS).

A Washington based non-profit and non-partisan program, JCPS is jointly sponsored by Howard University and the Metropolitan Applied Research Center (MARC). It was established in 1970 by a grant from the Foundation to serve as a research center on black politics and to assist the rapidly increasing number of black elected officials in being more effective public servants.

The Advisory Council is intended to serve as a resource for advice and counsel to the JCPS board of governors and staff in developing and implementing the Center's policies and programs.

In announcing the formation of the Advisory Council, JCPS Board of Governor's Chairman Louis Martin commented that "the acceptance of membership by these already busy black leaders is another illustration of the great interest and concern black people are displaying in charting their own destiny."

Martin is vice president and editorial director of the Sengstacke Newspapers, which include the Chicago Daily Defender.

Massachusetts Senator Edward W. Brooke and HUD Assistant Secretary Samuel C.M. Jackson, members of the JCPS Board of Governors, will also serve as Advisory Council chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Other members of the JCPS Board of Governors, who selected the members of the Advisory Council are: Howard University President James E. Cheek; Howard University Academic Vice President An-

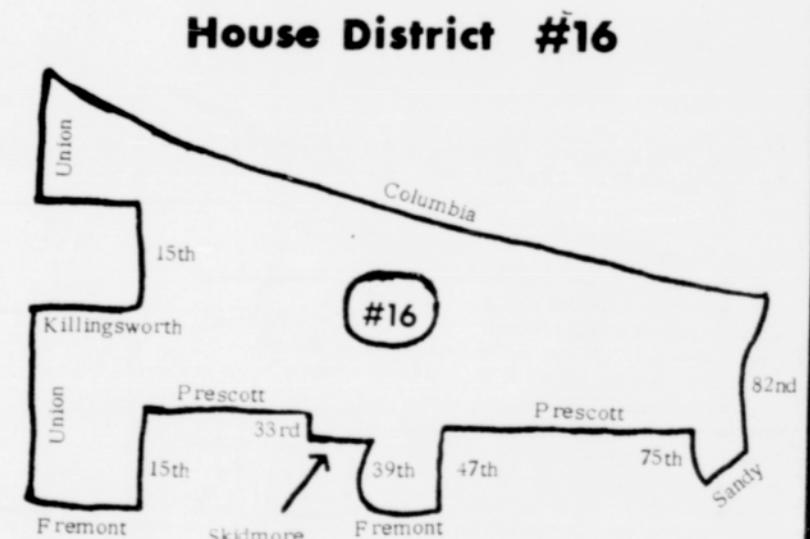
drew Billingsley; MARC President Kenneth E. Clark; MARC Vice President and Washington Officer Director Eleanor Farrar; Howard University law Professor Frank D. Reeves is Executive Director of JCPS.

Other members of the Advisory Council are California Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins; Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes; Nevada State

Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson; Michigan Secretary of State Richard A. Austin; Salina, Kansas Mayor Robert C. Caldwell; St. Petersburg, Florida City Councilwoman C. Bette Wimbish; Montclair, New Jersey Mayor Matthew G. Carter; Sheldon, South Carolina School Board Member Frieda R. Mitchell; Greene County, Alabama Sheriff Thomas E. Gilmore.

Let's Get It Together

Have you registered to vote?
Do you know your district?
Do you know your candidate to the Oregon House of Representatives from District #16?



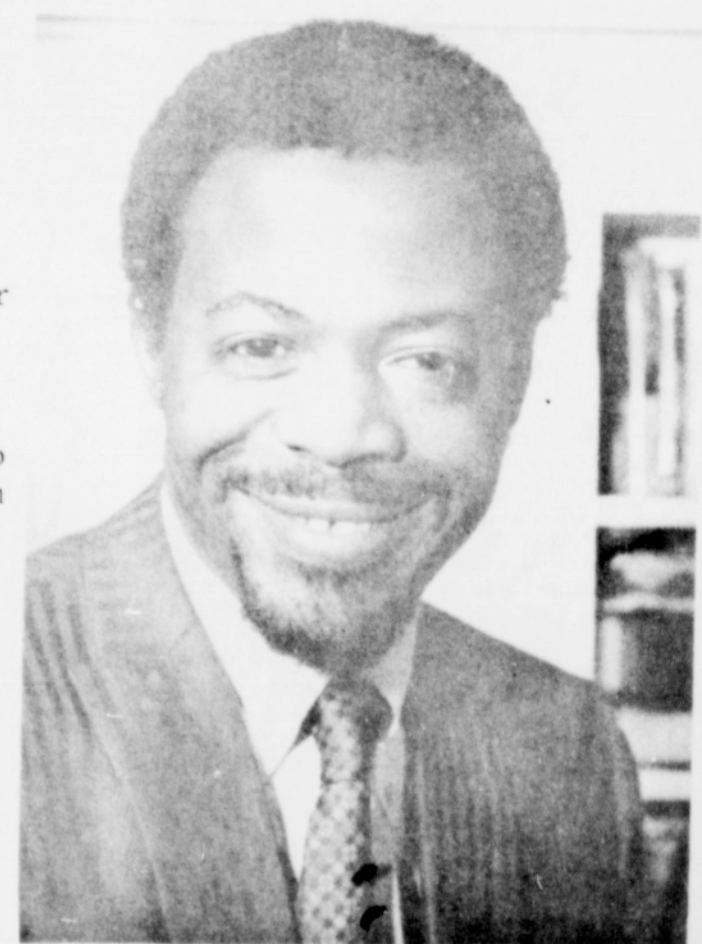
John Toran

is the candidate for District #16

He promises effective representation for a new district.

Let's build ... together. Help me, to help us all by working on my campaign to represent you. You'll dig it. It's building something to last...

Write or drop by
3260 N.E. Union Ave.



Paid: Committee to elect Toran

Black officials increase

According to the Voter Education Project (VEP) the number of black elected officials in southern states has increased by 738 in the past six months, from 135 to 873.

Amidst the increase, however, Alabama lost 16 positions due to a referendum vote abolishing the office of the Justice of the Peace.

John Lewis, director of VEP said that blacks still fill only a fraction of the offices available and his organization would remain dedicated to increasing the number of blacks involved in the election process. He said that the rise in the number of black elected officials since the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 indicates that blacks are "beginning to acquire the kind of political sophistication which will enable them to begin to control their own destinies."

There were 425 city officials elected making up the largest group; school board members were responsible for 176 elected positions; law officers, 117; county officials represent 111 and state representatives and senators are responsible for 47 seats.

Demo's invite public

The public is invited to a cocktail party-carnival Saturday, March 18 at Timberlans, N.E. 40th and Halsey Streets, beginning at 8:00 p.m. to meet Democratic candidates and party workers. Entertainment includes a bar-

Berkman gains honor

Craig Berkman, Republican candidate for State Treasurer, announced that he has been invited to apply for the White House Fellows Program.

Associate Director of the White House Fellows program, Frederick Rentschler

congratulated Berkman on his selection as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men and went on to invite Berkman's application to the program.

In his letter, Rentschler described the White House Fellows program as one "designed to bring in young men and women between the ages of 23 and 35 for a one-year exposure as aides to members of the Cabinet or Presidential advisors."

When asked about the invitation, Berkman said he was "flattered", but could not consider the program at this time. "I am fully committed to seeking the office of State Treasurer," he concluded.