

Blacks encounter racism at Jackson

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Senator George McGovern's wife visits Albina



Spends morning at Bethel Child Development Center

Mrs. Eleanor McGovern spent much of her day Thursday visiting the children at Bethel Child Development Center. This was Mrs. McGovern's only Portland stop during her two day visit to Oregon. Mrs. McGovern was in Oregon on behalf of her husband's bid for the Democratic Party nomination for the U.S. Presidency.

Mrs. McGovern joined the children's musical games, ate lunch with them, and spent the early afternoon discussing the center's program with the staff. Day care is one of Mrs. McGovern's primary concerns. She volunteered a year's service at the Parent-Child Center in Washington, D.C. Parent-Child is a program designed to help mothers with child care and educational guidance. Mrs. McGovern served as a Family Life Educator, visiting the children's homes and teaching mothers the basics of good child care.

Mrs. McGovern enjoys the opportunity to visit centers in different areas of the country and to compare how communities are developing child care. She is particularly concerned about opportunities for parents to participate in their children's child care programs.

Mrs. McGovern is an advocate for equality for women, which she and her husband consider a basic human right. She is in favor of the appointment of a woman to the President's cabinet. When asked what position would be best for a woman to hold, she said, "Any position. A woman can do the job as well as a man."

Mrs. McGovern enjoys the opportunity to assist with her husband's campaign, especially since it allows her to travel from coast to coast. Senator McGovern is in favor of the Presidential Primary since it gives the candidates an opportunity to be tested in various sections of the country. She attributes his recent upswing in popularity with the voters to his honesty - the voters know he does not say one thing in public and another in private, that he does not say one thing in the East and another in the West, one in the South and another in the North. He believes we can change the priorities in this country, so people are willing to listen to him and respond to him.

He believes that the country needs an overall tax reform to close loopholes which allow major companies to avoid taxes. He would use the funds generated to build mass transportation, eliminate pollution, build community health centers, more schools, and improve the quality of the schools. One of his more unique ideas is a minimum income guarantee, where every family would receive a designated amount of money from the government. Those who earn above a certain level, would repay the money. This would remove the stigma of the present Welfare System. This program is still in the early planning stages with many details yet to be resolved.

Mrs. McGovern flew to Cleveland following her Portland visit. She hopes to return to the state several times before the primary election, May 23rd.

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Mrs. Eleanor McGovern enjoys visiting with children at Bethel Child Development Center. She said that child care centers are one of her main interests. She takes extensive notes on each one she visits to study different methods and programs.



NAACP kicks off membership drive

This picture of then Governor Mark O. Hatfield is in the Portland NAACP office. Governor Hatfield had finished signing the Civil Rights Act of 1959, and handed the pen to Mr. Harry Ward, president of the local branch of NAACP that year. Mr. Edgar Williams, now deceased, is on the far left. Mr. Ward is accepting the pen, with U.G. Plummer, Mr. Boone of the Urban League, and Mr. Phil Reynolds looking on.

Senator Hatfield speaks to NAACP

The annual membership drive kickoff for the Portland Branch NAACP will be held Wednesday, April 26, at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, at 7:45 p.m., according to Ellis H. Casson, president.

Senator Mark O. Hatfield will be the speaker, talking on the subject "Where We Are Now". Senator Hatfield has been a supporter of Civil Rights, and a friend of the NAACP since his early days

as professor of Political Science and Dean of Students at Willamette University. He was elected as state representative to the Oregon State Legislature in 1951, served as state Senator, was Oregon Secretary of State, and was Governor from 1959 to 1967.

In the Senate, he serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the Senate Select

Committee on Small Business and the Senate Select Committee on Equal Education Opportunity. He also serves on a number of important subcommittees.

Rev. John Jackson will introduce Senator Hatfield at the meeting on the 26th. The public is invited.

More Porno coming to Albina

By Roger Dorband

X ratings and raunchy titles will soon be appearing on the marquee of the Lombard Theater, 842 N. Lombard, destined to become a pornographic film theater after April 18th.

Once a neighborhood theater, the Lombard began showing an art film program approximately one year ago under the management of Dave Porter and associates, who are the owners. With business sadly failing, the theater was placed under new management in January.

The new manager, Ken Margolis, formerly involved in theater in San Francisco, began doing his best to revive a seemingly "dead horse". Margolis revamped the theater to create a sort of "magic show" atmosphere. Magic foods were substituted for much of the usual candy at the counter, prices were made reasonable, and an excellent variety of art films, many considered classics, were placed on the billing.

Besides films by such well known directors as Bergman and Godard, Margolis scheduled a variety ranging from Olivier's Othello to Buster Keaton. On one evening the Lombard even relived the old silent film days with live piano and guitar.

In spite of a slight increase

in profits, the owner recently called Margolis to inform him that within ten days he would be terminated as manager and the theater would begin showing porno films. The owner stated that the change was necessary for financial reasons. (Porno films are available at low costs and top prices can be charged for admission).

A brief survey of the neighborhood around the Lombard indicated that nearby residents are very opposed to the presence of a porno theater in their community, preferring instead a neighborhood type theater. Several thought that the existing theater under the management of Margolis was pornographic. This was probably due to the more earthy nature of some art films and the inclusion in the schedule of some mild pornography (certainly of a more tasteful variety than what's coming).

It is interesting to note that no one from the neighborhood had approached Mr. Margolis to indicate the type of films they desired.

Perhaps without local support the porno business will not thrive at the Lombard. One would hope that present apathy will not prevail and that local people will make known to the new theater management their desire for a neighborhood theater, and support it, if and when it appears.

Students claim racist Administration



Students at Jackson High School discuss racial problems encountered last week at school. From left to right - Myrtle Ford, Candace Robinson, Toni Bonner, Frank Robinson, Mike Monroe, and Ray Larkin.

Some people know it's spring because flowers are growing, it's still raining, and yard signs and billboards are cropping up for the May primary. Some parents can tell because the kid is getting suspended from school more often for fighting. The principal calls it "name calling," just part of spring fever, and says that all kids get it. Kids call it racism and say that The Man differentiates between those who get it and those who don't. It's ugly and it's happening here in Portland right now.

Between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. last Wednesday, April 12, at Jackson High School, Kathy threw her locker mate's belongings on the floor in the hallway. The locker mate, Roy Curry, also the boy she had been dating, wasn't there, but his sister, Jeanette, asked Kathy why she had done it. After a brief discussion between Kathy, Kathy's friend - Barbara, and Jeanette, a fight began.

Later, when asking Mr. Signer, unit principal, for Kathy and Barbara's last names, he said, "There was not an incident on Wednesday." Then he said the parents would have to release the girls' names, which they did not do.

Thursday morning Roy and Jeanette Curry, black, and Kathy and Barbara, both white, were suspended. Before leaving the building, Kathy allegedly told Mae Joyce Hatcher, a friend of Jeanette Curry, to "Fuck herself."

Mae Joyce was escorted to the office by a substitute teacher, but Kathy and Barbara were not asked to come along. They did, however, go to the office of their own accord.

At lunch the same day, an old boyfriend of Kathy's, a student, and two friends came to the school. He called Pat Curry, brother to Roy and Jeanette, a "nigger" and asked him to step outside. About half of those in the lunch room went outside to watch. Three whites in their twenties with one black Labrador retriever were pitted against the young black man in that lunch period.



Mrs. Harris, mother of one of the suspended students, discussed discriminatory policies at Jackson from a parent's point of view. Pictured with her, from left to right are Penny Larkins, Mrs. Harris, Toni Bonner, Ray Larkins, and Candace Robinson.

Teachers came to break up the crowd, and the outsiders were asked to leave. They returned at the end of the school day with another dog, a black shepherd, but a conflict was avoided. Pat Curry was suspended.

Mr. Hildreth, unit principal and the man in charge of suspensions, was not present during the fight, nor when the suspension was delivered. It was ordered by the other unit principal, Mr. Signer, and signed by Hildreth's secretary.

When questioned about this Mr. Signer said that the procedure was routine when one or the other unit principal was out of the building.

Friday morning, Ray Larkins and Mike Monroe, were confronted with this statement: "You black dudes ain't nothin' but a bunch of shits." A fight soon erupted between six blacks and 18-20 whites.

Mrs. Hatcher and Mrs. Curry, mothers of the four suspended black students, arrived during the fight to bring their children back for readmission.

Mark Cunningham pushed

the returning Pat Curry. Pat hit Mark beginning another fight. Mr. Dearborn, a teacher, is accused of hitting Pat and leaving a gash behind his ear in order to stop the fight.

According to Dearborn, he did not touch Pat Curry. He was performing his duties as deputy registrar at the Register to Vote table when the disagreement began. He said that he grabbed Mark Cunningham and took him into the restroom to cool off.

Mr. Hildreth, unit principal, and the parents attempted to stop the brawl. The police were called and three uniformed officers and four plain clothesmen promptly broke it up.

Friday afternoon an accident occurred which raised the tension level once more. Mr. Cumley, freshman and sophomore English teacher, opened an auditorium-type door in Debbie Smith's face. Debbie, a black 15-year-old, accused Mr. Cumley of breaking her glasses on purpose and asked him to pay for them.

Cumley told her she shouldn't have been so close to

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Director appointed Linda Williams receives service award

Appointment of a public affairs director for the Executive Department was announced today by Cleighton Penwell, director of the department.

Penwell named Gene Maudlin, 41, Salem, to the post. Maudlin will coordinate public information services of the Executive Department and assist the governor's office in news media relations, Penwell said.

For the last year and a half Maudlin has been an Associated Press newsmen, principally covering state government. He was city editor of the Capital Journal in Salem before joining the Associated Press.

Linda Williams, Grant High School senior, has been awarded the Paul A. Rhemus Award for citizenship and service with the intent of furthering education and/or training. Linda is the first recipient of this \$200 award, which will be given annually.

Paul Rhemus was superintendent of the Portland Public Schools from 1947-1953, resigning because of ill health. He was an educational consultant for the Ford Foundation from 1953-1959.

Now living in Palo Alto, California, Rhemus and his wife wished to establish this award in appreciation for Grant High's contributions to

their own children's educations. Amy and Fred graduated from Grant in 1951 and 1952 respectively.

Linda Williams, this year's recipient, is described by her counselor as "a fine scholar." Linda wants to attend either Seattle Pacific University or Oregon College of Education, majoring in elementary education. She wants to eventually teach kindergarten or grades 1-3.

Now Linda's time is filled with graduation plans and a heavy homework load. During vacation she works with a neighborhood club to find summer jobs for black youth in the Portland area.