

District problems first priority

Mike Walsh, U.S. Congressional candidate challenging 18 year incumbent Edith Green, spoke today on the type of representation he feels the Third District needs.

Speaking before the Portland Kiwanis at Noon, Walsh said that the city of Portland and its environs, Milwaukie and Gresham, form the bulk of the Third Congressional District from a population standpoint. "The Third is the only urban congressional seat in the State of Oregon", he said.

Walsh stated that in his view, "the leader who seeks to represent the Third must have the people and problems of the district as a first priority".

"I believe there are two approaches to representing a congressional district", said Walsh. "One is to use the district as a political base while becoming involved in national issues. The other is to become a visible leader within the district, known to the people, working with local officials in Washington for the welfare of the district", he said.

Walsh said he believes the first type of representation he described has existed in the



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Third District for many years.

"As United States Congressman, I will change the approach, making the district and Oregon my first priority", he said.

"Campaigning in all parts of the district since early January has convinced me that the city desperately needs the type of representation I can and will give. It needs that representation now; not two or four years from now", Walsh said.

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grated schools for their kids and for good city police services."

National Neighbors is a federation of 50 community organizations from multi-racial neighborhoods in 22 states. Each member group is asked to send two delegates, not of the same race, to the annual conference. The equally divided black and white delegation voted this year to make an effort to recruit community organizations from neighborhoods made up of whites and other minorities, such as Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, American Indians, and Cubans.

Re-elected president of National Neighbors for the third year was Joseph Battle, black Realtor from Cleveland and head of that city's Operation Equality program. The national organization has emphasized its commitment to an open housing market since its founding conference in 1970.



Ocie Trotter and Dr. Lee Brown listen to keynote address given by Sukumu during the Oregon Black Convention.



Eddie Robertson, Political convention Chairman and Lolita Darby, Credentials Committee Chairman, hold the flag as the Black National Anthem is played.



Participating at the Oregon Black Convention are (left to right): Dr. Lee Brown, Imamu Sukumu, Ocie Trotter, and John Toran.



Dr. Lee Brown, Chairman of the Oregon Black Caucus, addresses the meeting of the Oregon Black Convention.

Wineburg elected

Dale Wineburg of Hillsboro was re-elected president of the Comprehensive Health Planning Association for the metropolitan Portland area at the association's annual meeting. It's Wineburg's second term.

Hope Runnels, R.N., who represents the Visiting Nurse Association, was elected vice-president. Martha Warren, an outreach Coordinator, was elected secretary.

The 1972-73 work program of CHPA was outlined to members. The association will set planning goals for such things as general hospital services in the metropolitan area, identify present health manpower utilization problems and look for better ways to provide the general public with information about health services.

The goals for the work year include: better dental services for low income families; continuation of coordinated programs on drug abuse, alcoholism, and migrant health; extension of comprehensive work on the problems of the aging; the development of some key indexes on cost trends for selected health services in the Portland metropolitan area.

Members also re-elected community representatives to its 38-member board of directors. New board members elected include: Ray Denner, representing Multnomah County consumers; Robert Elmer, representing Mental Health; Dr. Walter Goss, from the public health sector; Eugene Pugh, representing public assistance; and Joe Garcia, the minority representative to the board.

In addition to Wineburg, Sol Menashe of OPS-Blue Shield was re-elected the association's treasurer.

Labor pickets Meier & Frank

Top AFL-CIO officials headed a consumer education picket line Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m. at Meier and Frank's downtown Portland, Oregon store, protesting the sale of FARAH pants. Some 3,000 Farah workers are on strike at the Farah plants located in Texas and New Mexico.

Leading the picket line was James Leary, Director of Organization, Region 21, AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education; Margaret Thornburgh, Western Director of the AFL-CIO Women's Activities Dept., and staff members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Artha Adair and Sharon Farrell. All are pledged not to buy Farah until the strike is settled.

The strike was precipitated in early May when supporters of the unionizing drive by the Clothing Workers were fired. Mr. Farah has viciously fought the rights of his workers to unionize and has refused to reinstate illegally discharged workers as ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

Some 600 strikers have been arrested to date, charged with violating a restraining order limiting pickets to two a gate. The order has severely crippled the effectiveness of the picket line.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has launched a national consumer boycott against Farah pants. The recent Oregon State AFL-CIO Convention at Seaside, Oregon has adopted a strong resolution of support of the strike and boycott.

The Bishop of the Catholic Church in El Paso has issued a letter endorsing the efforts of the Farah workers to achieve a decent standard of living and justice on the job. Most of the strikers are Mexican-Americans and others who cross the border daily to go to work.

The Farah Manufacturing Company is one of the largest pants manufacturers in the United States, with wide distribution to department stores and men's specialty stores throughout the country.

The Farah Manufacturing Company operates 9 plants in Texas and New Mexico; El Paso 4 plants; San Antonio 2; Victoria; and in Mexico: Albuquerque 1 and Las Cruces 1. They employ about 10,000 workers, a large majority of whom are Mexican-Americans living in or near the cities where they work.

The strike started on May 3rd when workers in the San Antonio plant left their jobs in protest of the Company's unfair labor practices which included the firing of several workers who had engaged in legal union activities.

The strike protesting these and other unfair labor practices rapidly spread to other Farah plants, and there are now close to 3,000 workers on strike and the strike is continuing to gain momentum.

The Farah Company has attempted to replace the strikers with workers from Mexico; the United States Department of Labor has certified the strike which now prohibits the Company from importing strike breakers.

Despite peaceful and orderly picketing, the company has obtained a temporary re-

straining order of the most stringent nature. One of the provisions of the restraining order was that picketers must remain 50 feet apart at all times, which makes it almost impossible to maintain a normal picket line.

In addition, nearly 400 of the strikers have been arrested despite the fact that there has been no violence or unlawful activity. Many of the strikers were arrested at their homes in the middle of the night and held in the exorbitant bail of \$400 a person. The usual bail for local citizens charged with similar trivial misdemeanors in this area has been \$25.

In addition to numerous unlawful discharges because of union activity on the Amalgamated's behalf, and other actions of intimidation, coercion and restraint against the workers, the Company has also utilized guards patrolling with vicious police dogs in an effort to further intimidate the strikers.

The Mexican-Americans employed in the Farah plants are being exploited in the worst possible way by the Company. The Company's interference with the workers' efforts to establish a union are deliberate steps to prevent these Mexican-Americans from achieving a better way of life... with dignity and security.

Nation-wide support for the strikers continues to grow. The National AFL-CIO has endorsed the strike and many other unions and central labor councils have pledged support.

Picketing Saturday at Meier and Frank with the ACWA were representatives from the Portland Federation of Teachers Local #3; Laborers Local #296; Longshoremen's Women Aux.; Teamsters Local #81; Operating Engineers Local #701; Insurance Workers Local #100; United Farm Workers; Carpenters Local #583 and #226; Shipwrights and Joiners Carpenters Local #1020; Steel Workers Local #32; Machinists Local #1005 and #3010; and Service Employees Local #49. Also helping out was William (Bill) McCoy, candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives, 15th District, and Howard Willits, incumbent from the 21st District of the Oregon House.

Boys

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A non-profit, self-sustaining organization, the choir requires additional funds to pay the expenses of the choir. A concert will be held at Benson High School. The boys are collecting newspapers, green stamps, bottles. For more information call Joe Correa, 281-8393.

Political convention

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and 4:15 all committees concluded their meetings. Between 4:15 and 6:30 the delegates ratified the agenda, presented resolutions and had open discussions on basic issues that concern Blacks in Oregon: Education; Health and Social Services; Economic; and Political. As stated above the convention elected delegates and alternates to represent Oregon at the National Black Assembly: Delegates Lee Brown, John Toran and Adelle Hollie and alternates Kay Jernigan, Carol Cross and Azzree Lathan.

Imamu Vernon Sukumu gave the closing remarks and after a few announcements by Lee Brown and Eddie Robertson, the convention adjourned. Later Saturday night a dance was held at the Elks Club by the Convention.

In summarizing the convention, Lee Brown, Presiding Chairman of the Convention said: "The most significant outcome of the two-day meeting was the determination to implement the platforms which were adopted. Platforms were developed and adopted in four major areas: (1) Education, (2) Health and Social Services, (3) Economic and (4) Political.

"The political platform of the Caucus calls for immediate action. It is based upon our belief that our locally elected officials are sincere when they say all people should be represented by government. Operating on that premise, the Oregon Black Caucus is now developing plans for a community convention.

Every Black organization, club and group will be asked to participate in this convention. The purpose will be to have the people elect one member of the community and that person will then be recommended to the Portland City Council as the community's choice to fill the vacant seat on the Council when Commissioner Goldschmidt becomes mayor."

In assessing the Convention Brown said: "The central theme of our Convention was Umoja, which means unity. In our Oregon Black Agenda, which will be refined for formal release and presentation within two weeks, we have tried to show self-determination, defining ourselves, identifying our interests, and speaking for ourselves. We have grown frustrated watching other people attempt to do that for us and to us, and usually in spite of us. The Convention represents a significant move on the part of Black people to a new level of political consciousness."

The Convention endorsed only two candidates, Bill McCoy for State Representative and Mercedes Diez for Judge.

Protest defense organized

Following the recent upsurge of antiwar protest in Portland and across the country in response to Nixon's escalation of the war in Vietnam, Georgia-Pacific corporation launched a civil suit challenging the rights of the peace movement to organize and carry out demonstrations. Using the pretext of a handful of broken windows, Georgia-Pacific is attempting to brand the entire antiwar movement as violence-prone and to victimize the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War (SMC), the principle peace organization in Portland, Oregon, and a collection of 15 individuals.

The Georgia-Pacific suit is a concoction of factual errors, a "conspiracy" of defendants who had never met, and a travesty of legal precedent that has virtually no chance of standing up in court. At the same time, if allowed to be unanswered, it is a serious misrepresentation of the antiwar movement and an unconstitutional effort to circumscribe the future possibilities of antiwar organizing and involvement of the people of Portland. This is the purpose of the suit - to portray the antiwar movement as a collection of conspiratorial, rock-throwing terrorists and to isolate it from the majority of the people of Portland who are opposed to the war and looking for ways to express their feelings.

In order to get out the true facts about the recent events, about the character of the SMC and the antiwar movement, and to defend the persons named in the suit, the Committee to Defend the Right to Protest is being established. At the initiative of the defendants and the SMC, the Committee is planning a vigorous campaign of publicity and legal efforts to explain the facts and to beat back this attempt to cut across the right to organize and demonstrate against the war.

Shirley Gold, executive secretary of the Portland Federation of Teachers, Stephen Kafury, Democratic Party nominee for the State House of Representatives, and Hollis Ransom, Multnomah County Democratic Party Central Committee Chairman have agreed to co-chair the Committee to Defend the Right to Protest. Dr. David Linder, associate professor of Pathology at the University of Oregon Medical School, has agreed to serve as the Treasurer, to help gather the much needed funds for the legal defense and publicity efforts. Anne Powers, a member of the Student Mobilization Committee, will be Secretary. In

addition, a broad cross-section of groups and individuals are being sought to endorse the Committee and become active in the efforts to establish the truth about the antiwar movement and to defend the right to protest. We plan to demonstrate that the Georgia-Pacific suit is a legal and factual fantasy. We will prove the innocence of the defendants. And most importantly, we will show that no-one -- from Georgia-Pacific to the Chamber of Commerce and its ads -- can cut across the constitutional right to assemble and protest in this country. We are required to answer

Georgia-Pacific's suit by June 30. We will answer it in the courts, and continue to answer it to the citizens of Portland and the United States until the case is thrown out and the rights of the peace movement are reaffirmed.

We urge all individuals who support the right to freely assemble to endorse the Committee to Defend the Right to Protest, and to support our efforts financially. Please send endorsements, and contributions to COE, 402 SW 2nd Ave., Room 234, Portland, Oregon 97204. Anne Powers, Secretary

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