# Congresswoman Edith Green charged with racism

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee, which is made up of the Democratic Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of Multnomah County, will consider a motion deploring "the implicit racism of Representative Green's position" (against self-rule for Washington, D.C.) at its November meeting. Thursday the 30th.

The motion originated last September. It was voted on twice in September and did not pass. During its October meeting the Executive Board

decided as a compromise not to consider the motion until after the election in the interest of party unity.

The motion was brought up again by the Executive Board on November 9th and was referred to the full Central Committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

The motion accuses Mrs. Green of racism in her opposition to statehood or selfrule for Washington, D. C. This assumption is based on Mrs. Green's absence from a committee meeting of the

House District of Columbia Committee held last summer. Mrs. Green and Southern Representatives did not attend the meeting so a quorum was not present and the statehood bill could not be reported out of committee to be considered by the House.

Attorney Don Chambers, a member of the Democratic Central Committee and one of the supporters of the motion said the motion has several purposes - to dramatize Mrs. Green's voting record so that the people of the district will

Committee and to her constimants. She has little communication with the party and most persons do not know why she holds the positions that she does.

be aware of her record and ber

position on major issues and to

attempt to get Mrs. Green to

publically explain her votes.

is largely unavailable to the

Multnomah County Central

Chambers said Mrs. Green

Chambers said the motion is based on Mrs. Green's "participation with Southern conservative reactionaries on the

District of Columbia Committee to prevent the committee from voting out the statehood bill." Washington, D. C. is more than 70 per cent black and if it becomes a state will elect at least two Congressmen and two Senators. Mrs. Green's bill would continue a small section of the city as the District of Columbia and would give the remainder of Washington to the State of Maryland. This would mean the possible election of two Congressmen to represent

Chambers said he would not call Mrs. Green a racist "but her conduct supports racism." He sated that the allegations of racism in her stand on Washington, D. C. are based not on this issue alone but on her total record.

Chambers pointed out that Mrs. Green is one of the most influential figures in Congress and that at the age of 63, with two or three more terms. she could gain great power. Rumors that she may retire in 1974 are circulating, but these rumors were heard in 1970 and

sponsible for the study of Cab-

le TV in Portland. They will

present the role of government

in the franchaise of cable TV.

claim to speak for all of the

potential citizen uses of cab-

le TV," Lyle said, "but with

CCTV, we hope to be able to

offer a structure through

"No one person or group can

Allison Belcher, Chairperson of the Multnomah County Central Committee, told the Observer that she is not supporting the motion. Mrs. Belcher said, "The specific motion is unfortunate in that it was done without the necessary research on Mrs. Green's record on this issue. Although I certainly support self-government and statehood for Washington, D. C. it would appear that Mrs. Green, since she has co-sponsored a bill, is in favor of self-determination, also."

Mrs. Beicher feels that the Central Committee should try to open the doors of communication with Mrs. Green and that if this motion is passed the doors will be closed.

Mrs. Belcher continued, "It would be wise if Mrs. Green were to publically make known what she has done and what her intentions are." She does not think Mrs. Green should be charged with racism, but, "She no longer is thinking of the disenfranchised people. She senses a change toward conservatism and fears that the breakup of the Democratic coalition of intellectuals, workers, Blacks and other minorities, and the poor will permanently relegate the Democratic Party to the roll of the minority party."

Attorney John Toran, who was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives and is serving as Treasurer of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee, said, "The people of the Third Congressional District should be informed upon what ground or reason Congresswoman Green has elected to withhold her support from enfranchising the people of the District of Columbia.

"As an individual, I urge Congresswoman Green to clearly declare her position with respect to the enfranchisement of the people of the District of Columbia and to clearly declare the reasons for taking that position, so the people may judge for themselves the right or wrong of her position."

Toran is member of the National Black Assembly, which has gone on record in favor of home-rule for the District of Columbia.

that she voted for home-rule in 1965. Her own bill would place Washington in the State of Maryland, rather than give it statehood. Mrs. Green said she did not support the statehood bill because she was sure

Proponents of statehood point out that the Senate has passed home-rule legislation six times in recent years, onin the House. They say it gardless of her assumption of

what the Senate would do. Regarding her strong opposition to busing to lessen racial isolation in the public schools, Mrs. Green said she does not consider busing to be a racial issue. She does not think most Americans are concerned at all with race, but with social class.

Political analysists say the major issue of the 1972 election was race, even though many issues were couched in other terms. The emotional issue of busing, as brought up by the President and by Congress, led by Mrs. Green, was based squarely on the issue of race. Blacks point out fact that busing was never an issue until it involved busing black children to schools in white neighborhoods.

Mrs. Green told the Observer that she favors child care and thinks the "Welfare Cycle" cannot be broken until child care is provided for disadvantaged families. Earlier, she told a Portland daily that she approved of the President's veto of child care and that she would not support child care programs for the poor unless they include the middle class family. She said there are too many programs designed for the poor and for welfare families at the expense of the middle class per-

Mrs. Green wondered how she could be called a racist when she is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Mrs. Green explained that she and Lena Horne are friends. Lena Horne raised funds for Mrs. Green in 1966. She said that in 1964 she was on the credentials committee for the Democratic National Convention and that she helped the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in its efforts to be seated at the convention in place of the regular Democrats of Missis-

Fannie Lou Hammer and other leaders of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party have condemned Mrs. Green saying that her compromise with the Mississippi Democrats was a sell out.

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP during his recent Portland visit, said, Mrs. Green told the Obser- "Mrs. Green is the enemy of ver in a telephone interview Black People, not only in Oregon but throughout the States. Mrs. Green is against busing, which is against black children receiving quality education. Anyone who is against black children receiving quality education is against Black it would not pass in the Senate. People. Busing is a necessary tool for Blacks to achieve quality eduation. Mr. Nixon's philosophy about ghetto schools, which is shared by ly to have the bills defeated Mrs. Green, of poaring more money into schools in the ghetwould have been better for to is the philosophy of separate Mrs. Green to have used her but equal - which is nothing

# Washington, but no Senators.

Volume 3, No. 8 Portland, Oregon

THE ONLY NEWSPAPER IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD THAT REALLY CARES ABOUT PEOPLE



# **PSU** schedules play

Wanda Hilson and David Curry play key roles in Portland State's production of "Company", an award-winning musical comedy on marriage. Performances will be on December 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Hall Theater.

### Meeting discusses cable TV

man Community Center, 77 NE

Knott Street. Featured speak-

er at the meeting will be

Ferris Top, previously a

local TV personality and cur-

rently teaching television pro-

duction and mass communica-

tions at Mt. Hood Community

College. Also invited to the

meeting are Commissioners

Portland and Multnomah County are currently beginning a study which will end with the franchaise of a cable TV system. To most people, cable TV means "pay TV" and is useful only to improve reception and to bring special events into the home which would otherwise not be seen: championship boxing, for example. This spring, however, the Federal Communications Commission issued guidelines designed to insure that cable TV will also serve as a vehicle for expression and communication for community, educational, and government interests. Indeed, in the top 100 markets, any individual can request and obtain a minimum free access to the cable system.

Locally, a citizens group has been formed to insure wide community and individual use and involvement in the emerging cable TV system(s). Ed Lyle, chairman of the group calling itself Citizens for Cable Television, sees cable TV as potentially meeting a great many of the communicationneeds of individuals and groups. "Cable TV", Lyle said, "is truly the television of abundance. Portland's cable system may well provide 30 to 40 channels, and the sky is the limit on the potential numbers of channels. To us, this means that a great many specialized audsmaller. iences can be served."

Lyle announced plans for Citizens for Cable Television to hold a large public meeting on The Potential Community Uses of Cable TV. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Matt Dish-

#### Connie McCready from Portwhich individuals and groups land and Ben Padrow from can express their diverse needs for access to this new Multnomah County, the two elected officials directly remeans of communication." Goldschmidt names

manpower coordinator

Carl E. Simington has been designated by Mayor-elect Neil Goldschmidt as the new Manpower Coordinator for the City of Portland.

The Manpower Coordinator serves as staff advisor to the Mayor on all manpower and related matters; he is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating manpower gram.

activities under the supervision of the Mayor.'

Simington attended Multnomah Jr. College and Portland State University. He is a former Support Manager for the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee's Manpower Programs and a Training Coordinator for the Concentrated Employment Pro-

### **PCC Adult Center** needs volunteers

Portland Community Col- commend their employees to gram at the Concentrated related tutoring. Employment Program, 220 N.E. Russell, needs volunteers. The center operates Monday through Friday during

working and evening hours. Tutors are needed to help students with low-level skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic. Each student sets his own, individualized goal and works with a tutor on a one-to-one basis to achieve that goal. An unusual

part of the new program is

lege's Adult Tutoring pro- the CEP center for job-

Tutors may pick the days hours they wish to contribute. and they may choose the subject they wish to teach. Volunteers are placed according to their interests.

There are no educational requirements for becoming a tutor . . . just a willingness to help your neighbor develop basic learning skills.

Interested volunteers may contact Rosalyn Menashe at Portland Community College,

#### the emphasis on employment skills. Employers may re-Adult Tutoring, 224-2135. influence to get good legis-Patrolman surveillance deters crime

The North Portland Special Patrolmen, Inc. is patroling the neighborhoods of North and Northeast Portland as a deterant to crime. The Patrol surveys homes and businesses at regular hours for a nominal fee. The company is owned by Robert T. J. Olive.

The North Portland Patrolmen, Inc. was funded with a \$30,000 Small Business Administration loan. They have purchased eight new Plymouth Satalites and \$8,000 worth of radio equipment.

The company employs 31 person, 25 men and 6 women. Ten employees were taken from Welfare rolls - seven black and three white.

Olive does not see the Patrol as competition with the city police. He notes that there is a shortage of policemen and says that his Patrol will help deter crime.

The Patrolmen are bonded and are insured to cover false arrest charges.

Nate Proby, Field Representative, demonstrated that the cost of one stolen television set would cover the cost of protection by the Patrolmen for two years.



Captain James Brown, Commander T.J. Olive, Sgt. Ralph Wiebe and Nate Proby, Field Representative, of the North Portland Special Patrolman discuss the days calls.

The Patrol surveys homes and businesses. They also patrol churches, child-care

organizations at a reduced

The North Portland Special centers and other non-profit Patrolmen, Inc., is an Equal

Opportunity Employer that employs persons of varied ethnic backgrounds.

## Nominations for First Citizen gain momentum

Citizen Award are gaining momentum. Some of those who were nominated this week are Doshie Clark, David Nero, Rance Spruill, Herman Plummer, Charles Jordan and Brenda Green.

Nominations are open until January 6th. Nominations that are postmarked no later than midnight, January 6th, will be accepted. Nominations must be made on the official coupon found in the Observer each week. This week's coupon is

FREE Oregon Holly

boxed and ready to mail

To begin the holiday season, the Benj. Franklin is offering locally-grown Merry Berry Holly, free for the asking. This bit of Oregon is yours to keep or send to a friend or relative. Pick up a box today.

Robert H. Hazen, Pres. • 20 Offices • Phone 248-1234

Home Office: Franklin Bldg., Portland, Oregon 97204

honors distinguished voluntary community service and leadership by a member of the city. Qualifications are:

1. Person must be a resident of the Portland area. 2. Must be 21 years of age

within the community. 4. Must possess a high degree of leadership, inspiration and cooperation in com-

munity affairs.

The First Citizen Award be given to community service rendered during the two year period immediately preceding the selection.

6. A person having been chosen Portland First Citizen is not eligible for selection a second time.

3. Must have performed out- 7. The selecting committee standing volunteer services shall weight carefully the relative emphasis to be placed on direct community service through development of the community itself or a major institution.

## King-Vernon-Sabin area vote priorities

Residents of the King-Vernon-Sabin area of Northeast Portland will vote on neighborhood priorities for the fourth action year of the Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) at a combined meeting of the three neighborhood associations on

December 6th. NDP is a Federally-funded program which makes possible such projects as rehabilitation of homes ( as housing), improvements to thereafter NE 18th are elistreets, lighting, parks, gible to vote at the meeting.

school sites, public facilities and other priorities established by residents. The program is administered locally by the Portland Development Commission.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Vernon School, 204 NE Killingsworth. Residents living in the area bounded on the south by Fremont, on the west by Grand, on the north by Killingsworth, and on the east by NE 22nd as well as construction of new far south as Prescott and