

Congresswoman Edith Green charged with racism

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee, which is made up of the Democratic Precinct Committees 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 self-rule 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 be aware of her record and her position on major issues and to attempt to get Mrs. Green to publicly explain her votes.

Chambers said Mrs. Green is largely unavailable to the Multnomah County Central Committee and to her constituents. She has little communication with the party and most persons do not know why she holds the positions that she does.

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 Washington, but no Senators.

Chambers said he would not call Mrs. Green a racist "but her conduct supports racism." He said 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 in 1972.

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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

Portland and Multnomah County are currently beginning a study which will end with the franchise 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 communication needs 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 smaller, specialized audiences 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-

man Community Center, 77 NE Knott Street. Featured speaker at the meeting will be Ferris Top, previously a local TV personality and currently teaching television production and mass communications at Mt. Hood Community College. Also invited to the meeting are Commissioners Connie McCready from Portland and Ben Padrow from Multnomah County, the two elected officials directly responsible for the study of Cable TV in Portland. They will present the role of government in the franchise of cable TV.

"No one person or group can claim to speak for all of the potential citizen uses of cable TV," Lyle said, "but with CCTV, we hope to be able to offer a structure through which individuals and groups can express their diverse needs for access to this new means 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

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 Program.

PCC Adult Center needs volunteers

Portland Community College's Adult Tutoring program at the Concentrated 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 the emphasis on employment skills. Employers may re-

commend their employees to the CEP center for job-related tutoring. 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, Adult Tutoring, 224-2135.

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Nominations for First Citizen gain momentum

Nominations for the First Citizen Award are gaining momentum. Some of those who were nominated this week are Doshie Clark, David Nero, Rance Sprull, 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

on page 7. The First Citizen Award 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 or over.
3. Must have performed outstanding volunteer services within the community.
4. Must possess a high degree of leadership, inspiration and cooperation in community affairs.

5. Strong consideration should 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.

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 well as construction of new housing), improvements to streets, lighting, parks,

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 far south as Prescott and thereafter NE 18th are eligible to vote at the meeting.

Patrolman surveillance deters crime

The North Portland Special Patrolmen, Inc. is patrolling the neighborhoods of North and Northeast Portland as a deterrent 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 Satellites 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 Patrolmen discuss the days calls.

The Patrol surveys homes and businesses. They also patrol churches, child-care centers and other non-profit organizations at a reduced fee.

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