



The Editor's Desk

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We agree, but...

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee will consider a motion at its meeting tonight: "The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee congratulates Representative Edith Green on her re-election. It is our belief, however, that this represents as much a rejection of her opponent as an affirmation of support for the Democratic Party as it does approval of her congressional record."

"Specifically, we are appalled by Representative Green's continued refusal to support self-determination for the citizens of our nation's capital. It is a national disgrace that Washington, D.C. is denied self government simply because the majority of its residents are blacks."

"We deplore the implicit racism of Representative Green's position. We instruct the Chairperson to convey to Mrs. Green our strongest urgings that she support full statehood for the District of Columbia."

The Observer recommends to the members of the Democratic Party that they pass this resolution. We are glad that the Democratic Central Committee is saying out loud what many of us have been saying for a long time - that Edith Green is a racist and that her congressional record is tainted with racism."

We do wonder, however, why the members of the Democratic Central Committee supported her re-election. Many said, "Better Edith than a Republican", or "Wait 'till 1974, she will retire."

No stalwart young Democrat was willing to put his political future on the line and oppose Mrs. Green in the party's primary election. They left that task to a Republican. Now that the election is over and Mrs. Green has been re-elected they will gather their courage and condemn her racist record."

Not only did the party leaders endorse Mrs. Green and her record, but many condemned those members of the party and of the press who defected and supported the Republican opponent.

We are glad the members of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee are at last beginning to recognize Mrs. Green's racism as it affects the Black People of Washington, D. C. We hope they will recognize the effects of her racism on the Black People of her district and of the nation. We are glad they are gaining enough courage to speak out against the racist Mrs. Green. As Black People and as a part of the Third Congressional District we only wish they had not condemned us to another two years.

We know all of the excuses people make for Mrs. Green and for their participation in her re-election. . . but she is the most powerful political figure in Oregon and is in one of the most critical positions in the nation when it comes to manipulating the rights and aspirations of Black People. Evil is evil and must be eliminated where ever it is found. "But we have party loyalty", you say. Forget it. . . your loyalty is killing your people.

Do Black people want anything?

We speak about the exploitation that goes on in our neighborhood (Albina) by other races, yet in many cases the biggest exploiter that does the most harm, is our own people. Even though others might charge us higher prices, we still have a choice of whether we will or will not purchase.

There is NO choice when it comes to our own - snatching purses and holding up people on the streets at night, knocking down our Senior Citizens taking the little money that they have to live on, with no feelings of how they are going to make it.

We have received so many complaints about white owned and operated businesses in our community that do not hire Blacks, nor do they allow the money to circulate back into the community. They refuse to advertise in the Black media and yet we take no alternative action, but keep on trading - and complaining.

Don't spend your money where they don't hire our people. If your merchant does not advertise with the Black media ask him why? Spend your money where a greater portion will come back in our neighborhood.

Look again in our neighborhood and throughout the city where you spend your money. What do you really see?

We complain about the things we don't see in our community, yet we make NO EFFORT ourselves to bring about the things of which we speak to our community, for ourselves, on our own. FIRST, there is no concern, no compassion, no trust, too much selfishness and too much jealousy to even name. Stop tearing down the few Blacks who seem to have made it. The question is: Do we really want anything or is the complaining just rhetoric?

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Edith Green: A fighting liberal

Oregon defends racism

The State of Oregon found itself defending discrimination in the Elks Club suit. Two men - one black and one white - sued the State of Oregon, charging that it was unlawful to give tax exemptions to private organizations that discriminate because of race. The state argued that the non-profit fraternal organizations, who do some charitable works, should receive tax exemptions and that the makeup of their membership is of no concern to the state.

The court held that the state, by granting tax exemption, was involving itself with the organizations and violating the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. If this decision is not overturned by a higher court, it will mean that the State of Oregon (and its citizens) will gain over \$600,000 in property tax from the Elks Club - plus taxes from the Eagles, Moose, Mason, etc. This should be welcomed by Oregon taxpayers, who are in need of property tax relief.

The state is not reluctant to collect property taxes from its citizens - black and white - but in this case found itself not only defending discrimination but attempting to reject tax money. Attorney General Lee Johnson lost this case, and it is right that he did. It is too bad that he does not put some of his energies into fighting for equality instead of against it.

The philosophy and the law of the State of Oregon dictate a policy of equality of opportunity and of treatment. The Attorney General should use the powers of his office to insure that the laws are enforced and that the philosophy is promulgated by leadership and example.

Not even tokenism

The affirmative action rule applies to all corporations, companies, government and agencies receiving federal funds or holding federal contracts. This rule requires that these companies seek out, hire and promote minority people.

If one were to look at Oregon's larger employers, he would find very few Blacks, Chicanos or Indians employed. Each of them might have two or three minority people in jobs so they can show the government they tried. They also write letters to the NAACP and the Urban League once every six months or year, saying that they do hire Blacks - but often adding that they have no openings. This is all that is required by the federal government.

If these companies and agencies were really to decide that they want to hire Blacks they would go a step further. They would advertise in the minority press. They would recruit in the high schools and community colleges attended by Blacks. They would initiate a publicity campaign to let the public know they want to hire Blacks. They would not sit back and wait for Blacks to come to them, knowing that people only apply for jobs they think they can get and that most Blacks do not apply at companies they know have no black employees.

In case there are still employers who think "qualified" Blacks cannot be found, our classified section is open to you.

Letters to the Editor

A victorious Judge

Dear Rev. Henderson:

This letter serves a two-fold purpose since I am somewhat tardy in letting you know how proud I am that the Portland Observer recently celebrated its second anniversary. This, our very own newspaper ably fills the gap in presenting pertinent, informative items about Black people and other minorities. My husband and I salute you and your staff - we look forward to interesting reading.

Secondly, may I express my heartfelt appreciation to you for the long standing support and encouragement given me all during the recent campaign. Your endorsement of

my candidacy for Circuit Court Judge carried a great deal of weight in the community. Naturally, I am elated by my victory at the polls and wish it were possible for me to express my deep thanks personally to each and every one of the wonderful citizens of Multnomah County who voted for me. It is a heartfelt prayer that I will be able to be of some help to our troubled and troublesome children when I serve in the new judicial position.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Mercedes F. Delz
Judge of the District Court

Story embarrasses Bostic

The story on Joseph Bostic, director of Media, published in the November 16th issue of the Observer, has caused Mr. Bostic undeserved criticism. The story states on page 1, "He (Bostic) dis-" and continues on page 8, "agrees with many things Mr. Nixon has done including his Supreme Court appointments and his attempts to amend the United States Constitution to forbid busing." Some readers forgot the "dis-" before they found the remainder of the story on page 8 and questioned Mr. Bostic's politics. The story had previously stated that Bostic worked for the President's reelection because he believes Nixon did some good things for blacks including appointments and increasing the Civil Rights budget.

The Observer regrets any pain caused Mr. Bostic and assures our readers that he is not in favor of the Supreme Court appointments or the anti-busing amendment.

We also apologize for calling Mr. Bostic George instead of Joseph.

Volume published

A bibliography, "The History of Urban Growth and Development" is slated for release this fall and Lenwood G. Davis, an instructor at Portland State University is the author.

He was notified recently, by the Council on Planning Librarians, that the publication date is set for November of this year.

This bibliography is more selected than comprehensive or exhaustive. However, it still is useful because many of the sources listed are little known even though they were published as early as 1870.

The publication has attempted to list materials in United States Journals concerned with Urban Affairs, Bibliographies, Articles, and Books as well as unpublished works on Urban Growth and Development. It covers the history of Urban Growth in the United States between 1872 to 1972.

Professor Davis has written several other bibliographies: "Pan-Africanism"; "Blacks in the Pacific Northwest 1788-1972."

The PSU African and Afro-American history instructor is also the author of "I Have

a Dream: The Life and Times of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Implications of recent elections for Blacks

Part II

By Lenwood G. Davis

To recapitulate from last week's article, I surmise that we will see a "changed" and "different" Richard M. Nixon in the next four years. Since the United States' foreign policy is more stable now than it has been in a number of years, perhaps, Mr. Nixon will devote his attention to our domestic problems. It goes without saying, that not only must Blacks be given a "fair" share of the "American Dream," but other ethnic groups must as well. Since other ethnic groups are confronted with most of the same problems as Black people, all will have to bring pressure to the Federal Government to deal with their problems.

Hence, Blacks will have to support other ethnic groups and vis-a-vis in this struggle. Since most Black people probably feel that we do not have the support of the Federal Government, we must put pressures on the local, state and congressional officials. As I see it at this time we can ill afford to deal in nuances in our relationships with congressional representatives. Moreover, Black people in the United States are no longer living in the bland era and it would be egregious insolence to believe that we have friends in the White House.

We must also be cognizant of the more audacious maneuvers of the local, state and congressional representatives. Since Black people do not have a power base at the top, we must now begin to build one from the bottom - so that in 1976 we can be prepared to get a large slice of the "American Dream."

If there is one thing that Black people should have learned from this election, it is this: Even though both political parties may have courted us - openly and behind closed doors - neither offered to marry us. To put it another way, Black people can not really trust either party.

As I view the elections, it was not all together the political parties' attitudes as it was the attitudes of individuals at the head of the parties that remained relatively aloof. Both major political parties need major surgery - as they relate to Blacks. Yet, the leaders are only applying a bandage. Blacks must use the same techniques on the political parties that they used on us - court both, but marry neither - and perhaps a sediment of truth will prevail!

With Ron Hendren

A YOUNG VIEW OF WASHINGTON

VIET NAM: IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN



WASHINGTON - An entire generation of Americans has grown up during an era when this country was participating in a war viewed as unfortunate at best and wrong at worst. While the long-term affects of that war on the future of the nation remain to be seen, one sobering conclusion can be drawn: It could easily happen again unless Congress moves to assert its Constitutional responsibility to prevent the waging of war without Congressional approval.

The nightmare of Vietnam has been unique in our history. It is the longest war in which we have participated. It was waged far from our shores and, for the greatest part, in spite of our national conscience. For most Americans it was a TV war, a mammoth, surrealistic army maneuver waged nightly on the seven o'clock news. Except for those who fought, and their families and friends, it was business as usual for the nation. And business, as usual, was good.

Moreover, just as it is impossible to find a convincing cause for Vietnam, it is difficult to pinpoint a beginning of the war and it will be equally difficult to pinpoint an end. We eased into the quagmire in much the fashion that we are getting out - under a blanket of misperception when few were aware and during a preoccupation with prosperity when still fewer cared. There was no Pearl Harbor, no D-Day, and there will be no famous memorials, like Iwo Jima, or the

Alamo, or battleship museums to remind us - for most of all, we want to forget. Unfortunately, forgetting should be relatively easy - indeed, far too easy.

When the generation of peace we have been promised finally comes, there will be little change here at home to distinguish it from the decade of war we will have ended. The problem with that is that lessons are seldom learned from mistakes which are not accompanied by sacrifice. And if Vietnam was a mistake of the magnitude most Americans seem to believe, it was nonetheless not a mistake which wrought great personal sacrifice upon the majority of our citizens. "What we obtain too cheap," Thomas Paine wrote, "we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value."

Although there will likely be little public pressure to do so, new limitations should be placed upon the Executive's power to wage war in the absence of Congressional approval. If not, the mistake of Vietnam can be repeated. When the new Congress convenes in January, the Foreign Relations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate ought seriously to consider legislative means of once again asserting their Constitutional responsibility.

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Permissiveness of the "New Majority"...

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HOME OF BLACK COUPLE BURNED TO THE GROUND. STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

16 YEAR OLD BLACK BOY BEATEN TO DEATH WITH BASE BALL BATS. WHILE GROWN-UPS CHEER. N.Y.

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