

Salutes Youth of the Week



The Portland Observer honors this month's "Student of the Month", Mare Vaucher, who lives at 6130 S.E. Reed College Place. Mare is a senior at Cleveland High School. In his three years at Cleveland Mare has demonstrated unusual maturity, leadership and general all-around responsibility. He is an outstanding leader in the Cleveland community. Mare has held offices as Student Body President, Class President, Judicial Board member, School Cabinet, and Honor Society. He has received numerous Awards of Merit for outstanding achievement. Mare has traveled to Arizona and Indiana for Junior Achievement Projects. He spent this last summer visiting in Switzerland and France. Mare's father is a professional anthropologist at Reed College. His mother is First Grade Teacher.

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The perfect time for a vacation in Kenya is anytime. For more information, contact the Kenya Tourist Office at 15 East 51st Street, New York, New York 10022, telephone 212-486-1300.

Black publishers visit "Pravda"

by Garth C. Reeves

When eight Black American newspaper publishers sat around the table with their Russian counterparts from Pravda and Izvestia, the discussions were spirited and meaningful.

Among questions posed by the Black publishers were: "Is there a sincere effort on Russia's part for peaceful relationships with China?"; "Why are the Russian space shots shrouded in secrecy?"; "Why is no hard news printed in Soviet newspapers?"; "How do Russian newspapers exist without advertising revenue?"; "Is Murray Seeger's charge that American correspondents in Russia are subjected to undue pressure true?";

These were only openers for serious discussions held with top members of the Union of Journalists of the USSR during our 12-day stay in the Soviet Union.

Despite the biting pointedness of some of the questions, our hosts did their best to come up with the right answers. And don't play these guys cheap. They are sharp and knowledgeable newsmen who seem to know a lot more about our country's politics and foreign policy than some of our guys.

The sharpest newsmen seemed to be at Izvestia, the paper of the Supreme Party started in 1917. Their 8 1/2 million daily circulation is distributed in 42 cities. The same news content is published simultaneously in 12 large industrial centers, sent

out by phototelegraph from the Moscow headquarters.

Pravda, organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, has a 10.3 million daily circulation. It very seldom prints more than eight pages in an edition. Their publishing house is huge, employing 10,000 workers.

There is no competition between the two papers, and their editors feel that they complement each other.

The Soviets claim they have no territorial design on China and feel they have no problem that could not be settled by negotiation. They seem to think that China seeks their territory along the border because of a massing of Chinese troops there. We never did get a clear answer when we asked about removal of Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia and Mongolia.

On the secrecy of Soviet space shots, the Russians claim a difference in philosophical aspect. They felt we needed the publicity to justify future space budgets. They have never conducted scientific exploration in the public's eye.

In explaining the absence of hard news and crime from their papers, the journalists said social significance and special social issues are what their readers are interested in. They felt radio and TV was too much to cope with on this coverage.

An interesting visit was made to the Soviet American Friendship Society where talk centered on the develop-

ment of people to people culture exchanges. Youth, churches, performing arts, poets, and painters are only a few of the groups encouraged to arrange exchange visits. A plan to provide underprivileged youths with free tickets to see Soviet artists appearing in our country was also discussed.

One exchange group, The Opera Theatre from Washington, D.C., was doing "Inherit The Wind" with a mixed cast in Moscow and all performances were sold out. A photograph exhibit by Robert Sengstack of The Chicago Defender had recently been exhibited in a Moscow museum and is now being shown in schools around the country.

Our group inspected the electronic technology of the famed Moscow TV Center, also identified as TTZ. With 8,000 employees, the Center broadcasts in 67 languages and telecasts in more than 30. The suave and affable director stressed the importance of the preservation of cultures within cultures and the necessity to maintain languages to preserve cultures. Radio and TV reaches only 72 percent of the Soviet population.

The food in Russia was great, and if the average Soviet citizen eats as well as we did they are living pretty high on the hog. We ate a steady fare of beef-steak file, lamb, veal, chicken and duck. Their cold water salmon and sturgeon were delicious. Their borsch, a cabbage and beet soup with sour

cream, is a gourmet's delight. We enjoyed caviar at least twice a day.

One of our biggest treats in Moscow was a visit to the Grand Bolshoi where we saw a superb ballet production of "Swan Lake". The beautiful 6,000-seat theatre, largest in the Soviet Union, is where the Communist Party Congresses are held. The ballet plays to a sell-out audience nightly.

A Soviet circus is a lot different from ours. Circuses seem a regular part of their culture and every city of any size usually has one housed in a permanent building, unlike ours that play in tents and seldom stay in a city

more than a week. They use a single ring and the show is more of a theatre production.

Moscow is a great city - and a big one. With some 8 million residents, the world's fourth largest city is the "Holy Mother of the Russians" and the Soviet economic, political and cultural center. Its factories produce nearly one-sixth of the entire volume of industrial production of the Soviet Union. Airplanes, steel, autos, chemicals, munitions, paper, furniture - you name it and they produce it in Moscow. Most of its residents live outside the central city in highrise apartments. Single family residences are almost

nonexistent. They have a very good subway system that is kept immaculately clean, but its 35-mile network is not enough for a city this size.

We lived at the Hotel Russia, largest in the world with 4,000 rooms and all conveniences. Built less than 10 years ago, it is modernistic by European standards. Some of the American efficiency that we are accustomed to seemed to be missing. Russian people seem very creative. The things they think are important they do very well, and those they don't deem important they don't care that much about.

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Clay Myers seeks governorship

(Continued from pg. 1, col. 9) ing inflation, to raise taxes - to take another bite out of our citizens' pocketbooks - would be unconscionable.

"We in public life should not advance proposals with no more than platitudinous explanations as to how they will be funded. Hand-in-hand with our need for change, for whatever progress we seek, must be an unending quest to improve governmental efficiency.

"We need to seek new management techniques in state government, to design

programs so that the market place, not the government, does the primary regulation."

Myers has been Secretary of State since January of 1967, when he was appointed to office by Governor Tom McCall. He was elected in 1968 and again in 1972. He had previously served as Assistant Secretary of State for two years.

Myers is a graduate of Benson High School and the University of Oregon. He served as Vice President of the Insurance Company of Oregon before going into public service. Prior to that

he was state manager for Connecticut General Life and in the property management for the First National Bank of Oregon.

Myers and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, and is a Trustee of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Anderson

(Continued from pg. 1, col. 4) helped organize OSPiRG (a campus environmental organization), was involved in the Moratorium, and has been active in the women's movement.

As a precinct committee person in the Democratic Party, Anderson contends that the incumbent is not representative of the Democratic Party and points out that his voting record is substantially in variance with the Multnomah County platform. She feels that District Fourteen needs a legislator that is more responsive to the working people and who is also more responsive to minority interests. "The incumbent contends that he is pro-labor, yet he voted against the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Bill (HB 2263) which passed in the last legislative session.

His vote for SB 208, a censorship measure, and against HB 2930, a bill granting employment protection to people on grounds of sexual orientation, reflect a disregard by this incumbent for basic civil liberties."

Anderson has been involved in the community opposition to the attempt to widen Going Street. She supports the principle of low cost mass transit as an alternative to the present tendency to favor the automobile over the home, contending that a livable environment free from noise, air and water pollution must be a primary priority.

Ms. Anderson supports the Democratic Platform and particularly in reference to the sections relating to labor, education and minority rights.

Bigman

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Bigman charges that Peck has grown increasingly unresponsive to the District's needs. As examples of this he cites her recent votes against a rise in minimum wage, and against legislation designed to improve conditions in Oregon nursing homes.

He also notes that Peck is often at odds with the positions of her own party. Bigman has been endorsed by the Democratic Party Leader in the district. He supports the platform of the Multnomah County Democratic Party.

Bigman hopes to represent low and middle income voters. He supports ex-

tension of minimum wage and collective bargaining rights to cover all workers, and a shift of the tax burden away from small businesses and the middle class to those better able to pay.

A strong foe of the proposed Mt. Hood Freeway, Bigman advocates development of an effective low-cost mass transit system to ease transportation problems.

Bigman, twenty-three, is a recent graduate of Reed College in political science. He has been active in the Democratic Party for many years and has served on the Executive Board of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee.

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