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**WE SEE THE WORLD
THROUGH BLACK EYES**

Bring court to Nixon

Many persons are concerned that Richard Nixon is attempting to avoid testifying at the trial of his aides, who are being charged with conspiracy in the Watergate coverup.

It appears that perhaps the chief conspirator might be allowed to avoid testifying under oath, while continuing to maintain his innocence. His absence from the trial will also prevent the obtaining of much pertinent information -- if it could be assumed that he would testify truthfully.

Both the prosecution, or the people, and the defendants have a decided interest in hearing Nixon's testimony.

If Nixon's health excuse is valid -- if it is not the excuse to avoid testifying that it appears to be -- he should welcome this opportunity to clear his name. His acceptance of a pardon implies guilt -- and so does his absence from the court room.

We suggest that if Nixon's health precludes his traveling to Washington, that the court be brought to San Clemente. It is not unusual for the jury to visit the scene of the crime, so why not bring them to sunny California? Not only would the cause of justice be served, but the jury, locked in its hotel rooms for weeks, would enjoy a few days basking on the Nixon beach.

Tapes belong to people

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Richey will determine whether the tapes and documents produced by Richard Nixon during his term of office belong to him or to the American people. The decision, as finally approved or rejected by the United States Supreme Court, will not only determine the fate of Nixon's records but ultimately of all presidents.

It seems logical that documents should belong to the people. After all, these men were put in office and were paid by the American taxpayers. If all individuals were allowed to keep the documents they produced as employees, business and government would be in utter chaos.

This leads to another question -- what about the documents of the members of Congress? These also should belong to the people. Rather than being scattered in trunks and attics, or sold to curiosity seekers and antique dealers, they should be available for public use.

The presidential papers should become the responsibility of the Library of Congress, with the former president and his party having the opportunity to suggest how they best be displayed -- whether in memorial libraries, etc. The documents of members of Congress should also belong to the Library of Congress, but the former Congressman should suggest when he would like them retained in his own state on a perpetual loan. These items should be in university, state or historical society libraries where they can be properly preserved.



Bob
Duncan
Says:

"I made a financial disclosure in Congress eleven years ago. I have made complete disclosure in this race. Why? Because you have a right to know."

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Letter to the Editor

Journal denies conspiracy

Jordan helps center

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your picture of Commissioner Jordan in last week's *Observer*. For many years we have suffered from severe flooding during times of heavy rain. We wrote many letters to the City Hall with no result except two letters saying our problem was being taken under advisement. During our flood of July 7 and 8 we called Commissioner Jordan at his home. He came on his way to work and viewed the situation. As he left he said, "I will see what can be done."

By August 1st the work for a larger storm sewer to accommodate the excess water during heavy rains was in progress. It is now in the process of completion. We

would invite you or any of your readers to stop by to see what has been accomplished.

The heavy flooding as many as six or seven times a year was damaging our building and a menace to the health of our children. We had put \$2,000 into a new playground drain to no avail until the City drain was enlarged.

We appreciate Commissioner Charles Jordan, a man of action. He accomplished in two months what had not been done in twelve years prior. We trust he will have many more years in the City Hall to accomplish much more for our community.

Sincerely,
Evelyn M. Collins,
Director, Christian
Community Center

To The Editor

I can understand why members of the Black community might suspect a political conspiracy between Edith Green and *Oregon Journal* in the *Journal's* investigation of Cleveland Gilcrease, but I want to assure readers of the *Portland Observer* that there is no such conspiracy.

The *Oregon Journal* does not take orders from Edith Green or any other public official. The *Journal* is carrying on its investigation entirely on its own responsibility.

Earlier this year, *Observer* readers may remember, public and official reaction to other *Oregon Journal* investigations led to the forced resignation of Don Jewell as manager of the Memorial Coliseum, and contributed to the forced resignation of William Holmstrom as ma-

jority leader of the Oregon State Senate. Both of these men are white.

The *Journal* fully supports the objectives of the OEO. Our only concern is that poverty programs such as those of the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee should be honestly and effectively run. The poor and the minority group members PMSC is supposed to serve deserve the best.

I wholeheartedly agree with the suggestion of the *Observer's* editorial that the United States attorney, Sidney Lezak, should investigate the PMSC and its executive director, Mr. Gilcrease, as well as the reasons for the charges against Mr. Gilcrease which the *Journal* and others have made. The *Journal* would welcome such an official investigation.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Sterling, Jr.,
Editor, The *Oregon Journal*

Aging hearing set

The Federal Council on the Aging was established by the 1973 amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1965 for the purpose of advising the President, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Commissioner on Aging and the Congress on matters relating to the special needs of older Americans.

The Committee on Aging Research and Manpower of the Council will hold a hearing on October 31, 1974 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the U.S. Court Building, 620 S.W. Main Street, Room

108, Portland.

Persons wishing to be heard should apply to the office of the Federal Council on the Aging, 400 Sixth Street S.W., Room 4022, Washington, D.C. 20201, in writing. Written requests should reach the office of the FCA not later than October 25, 1974. Written statements may also be directed to this office.

The purpose of this open public hearing shall be to receive views on research objectives, strategies and priorities in the field of aging.

Facts about a city takeover you should know:

Ballot Measure 54 is a "Real Shocker!"

Instead of lowering your electric rates it could raise them as much as sixty-four percent.

Voters November 5 will cast a ballot on Portland City Measure 54, which will indicate whether or not the City of Portland should get into the power business.

Proponents of this issue promise low electric rates. That has a nice ring to it. Especially right now in a time of terrible inflation. Unfortunately, it's not that simple.

Why?
1. It's going to cost about \$146,000,000 to buy out Pacific Power facilities in Portland. As a rule of thumb, the price of a utility is about 5½ times the amount of annual utility revenue. That tab would include the cost of issuing

bonds and the various funds required in municipal-type financing . . . or about 16% of the required bond issue.

2. The City of Portland would have to build its own generating facilities. There is presently no firm power available from the Bonneville Power Administration to serve the City of Portland. To supply the kilowatts required by just the Pacific Power customers in Portland (about one-third of the City) it would take the output of approximately one-half Bonneville Dam.

Since there aren't any dam sites left, the City would be forced to buy into a thermal generating plant. A conservative estimate on participa-

tion in such a plant is about \$145,000,000.

3. The total cost to the City to get into the power business would be about \$291,000,000!

4. Here's the real shocker. Even with PP&L's recently granted rate increase, a new Portland municipal would have to raise rates by an additional 64% to pay off financing and purchase costs . . . assuming a 30-year pay off.

Let's face it. Higher electric rates are hard to swallow. Nobody likes them. But a City takeover of Pacific Power and its replacement with an inexperienced city utility would be even harder to swallow.

Vote NO on Portland City Measure 54

The City of Roses Needs Kilowatts. Not Promises.

Citizens Committee for Free Enterprise: Henry E. Baldrige, Chairman, 1860 S.W. High Street, Portland, Oregon; Jerry O. Pollard, Political Treasurer, 18602 S.E. Brooklyn Court, Portland, Oregon. Published week of October 6, 1974.

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