



*We see the world through Black eyes*

## A bad decision

Mayor Goldschmidt has announced his approval of the use of shotguns by Portland Police officers. We were sorry to hear this, but we were not surprised. After a thorough discussion of the question, those communities that were opposed to the ready availability of shotguns were those where they will most often be used, in the Black and poor white neighborhoods.

Although the Mayor showed some restraint, agreeing that the weapons should be available upon request and at the discretion of the sergeants, Chief Baker went a step further. He stated that some squad cars operating in high-crime areas may carry shotguns routinely. "For the first time, some patrol units will be carrying shotguns at all times."

Chief Baker also stated policy as "when shotguns are used, this will be recorded and evaluated." We are not told whether "use" means shooting the gun, shooting a person, or taking the gun out of its rack.

We are not as frightened of the occasional shootout between police and armed persons, although many times those incidents could be more professionally handled and killing avoided. We are more frightened of the harassment and threatening, the pulling of a shotgun when checking minor traffic incidents and the like. It is not uncommon for peaceful citizens to be accosted by numbers of police officers with the accompanying racial slurs and filthy language. Guns come out of their holsters too easily, and now the shotgun can intimidate and frighten innocent victims more easily.

We know there are sincere dedicated police officers. There are officers who will never pull a gun, who will never request a shotgun -- who provide a much needed service to the community.

But there are others, also -- those who use their power to oppress.

There are those who will say Mayor Goldschmidt was forced into this decision due to a pending political campaign with a "law and order" candidate. Political expediency does not prove the decision right. The people might as well elect the "law and order" candidate if we must live with his policies. The Mayor might not fully agree with the policy he has announced, but now it is his policy and his responsibility.

We, in the Black Community, now face a future with a shotgun in every car. We hope the Chief will be able to control the explosive situation he had created.

## Take another step

Portland's three network television stations -- KATU-TV, KGW-TV and KOIN-TV -- were rated among the highest in the nation on affirmative action performance in a recent study by the National Black Media Coalition.

According to the study, KGW ranked third, KATU ranked twelfth and KOIN ranked sixteenth in full-time employment of Blacks as compared to the percentage of Blacks in the metropolitan area served. If 1.00 equals parity, 54 of the 138 stations studied had ratios of 1.00 or better. Top was WSAZ in Charleston-Huntsville, South Carolina, with 4.61. KGW had 3.41, KATU had 2.35 and KOIN had 1.65.

Ranking of percentage of Blacks in the five top employment categories -- officials and managers, professionals, technicians, sales workers and skilled craftsmen -- KGW came in seventh and KATU and KOIN were twelfth and thirteenth.

When the stations were ranked for Black employment, percentage of news broadcasting and percentage of public service broadcasting, KATU tied with WTAE Pittsburgh for fourth place, behind WCVB Boston and KOMO Seattle. KOIN was eighteenth and KGW was twentieth.

Portland can well be proud of its television stations. It is good to see Blacks in news, sports and weather broadcasting and behind the cameras.

One area does need drastic improvement, however, and that is the area of Black programming and other minority programming. Black programs are always confined to the wee hours of the

morning, when even the most devoted fans must sleep, or to competing with sports on Saturday afternoon. These programs are generally restricted to one per station -- a token to fulfill federal obligations.

Surely there is enough talent within the stations' staffs and in the local communities to produce high quality, relevant, adequately funded programming that will merit a decent viewing time. There are certainly enough urgent issues to produce a serious discussion show similar to "The Week in Perspective" or "Issues and Answers".

The airwaves and the TV channels belong to the people and minorities have a right to share.

## Another point of view

### Law & Order

from the Willamette Week

Has law and order politics finally come to Portland?

All evidence points that way. Francis Ivancie's campaign for mayor opened with a prominent portion of his statement noting that he wants a city where police have "more rights than" criminals. He will be introduced for a speech at a political club this week by the president of the Portland Police Association, the local police union.

Meanwhile, the *Portland Observer*, the newspaper representing Portland's Black community, headlines its front page this week with a story concerning four Black men who allege they were harassed by shotgun-toting police officers while on a drive in east Portland.

At the same time, Portland Police Chief Bruce Baker and Mayor Neil Goldschmidt announced that all Portland squad cars will be equipped with shotgun mounts and all sergeants' cars and all patrol cars in "high crime" areas will carry shotguns. There will also be rigid rules for use and record-keeping.

We are saddened by all of this. In the first place, we know that Goldschmidt, from his days as a Legal Aid lawyer in Portland's Black community, is aware of the strong negative feelings held toward Portland's police by a large segment of the populace. Goldschmidt would like to see police-community relations improved, and he is aware that his decision on shotguns only feeds the police officer stereotype that many Portlanders hold. Bruce Baker understands this problem as well.

But Goldschmidt and Baker are boxed by an active, politically-oriented police union, a "law and order" candidate for mayor and the fact that the use of weapons by criminals is increasing. Goldschmidt wants to be re-elected, Baker wants the support of his men so he can carry out other policies that he deems to be important. And both want to prove they are truly concerned about the safety of our police officers.

Sadly, all of this misses the point. Portland's police officers still essentially believe their job is to "fight crime." Yet statistics compiled demonstrate that much more police time and effort is used to serve the community in other ways than apprehending criminals -- ways that truly "fight crime" better.

We need a service-oriented police force which does not get its machismo confused with its role, which understands the true nature and source of crime and works to prevent it by providing service. Our police force is acquiring a group of young officers who understand this. They are idealistic and have chosen police work as a form of public service. Yet their older counterparts offer them improper models, and we see no hope for reform from within.

The only hope is that the public will force the candidates to address this issue adequately. That would impose a mandate on elected officials to develop proper policy within the Police Bureau.

Law and order politics preclude that discussion. Goldschmidt's shotgun decision may be a compromise necessary to his political survival. But we hope he and Baker don't get so confused they think they have done the right thing.

## Church

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Airport, Senator Church said his committee would be looking into it. A reporter asked Church if his committee had called -- (or would call) -- ex-National Security Council Agent Roy Frankhauser to testify. Frankhauser testified (*Washington Star*, September 15th, 1975) that the terrorist gang 'Black September' was coordinated by the CIA and British Intelligence. The purpose according to Frankhauser was to create the political climate for the imposition of a dictatorship. Frankhauser's revelations point to a very close similarity in the LaGuardia and a rash of other terrorist acts across the U.S. in the past week.

### The Black Caucus

Senator Church said that his committee would be investigating the rash of terrorism and intimidation against members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Church said that the terror "is consistent with what we have already uncovered about the FBI COINTELPRO operation against Black Congressional and civil rights leaders." Since the press conference another attack has occurred: an aide to Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm was shot. "I am scared," Church said, following his year long study of the FBI and the CIA. The lawlessness and abuse of power by the "most powerful agencies in government" was very nearly turned the FBI into a secret police domestically, while the "CIA has been trying to control the politics of the whole Third World." This sensuous knowledge, Church said, was what distinguished him from the other presidential candidates. But Church's economic program is non-existent. Questioned on his program Church would dramatically roll his eyes and talk about the necessities of encouraging a free market.

Following his press conference, Church told his City Club audience and anecdote about a farmer from whom he buys his eggs, who asked him if it was true that "our government made deals with the mafia to kill Castro." Church told the farmer it was true. The farmer asked Church how Americans could bring up their children as moral human beings if our government has dealings with the mafia.

## Letters

### Growth seen

To the Editor:

I've just finished reading through the fifth anniversary edition of the *Portland Observer*. It was excellent. You have reason to celebrate.

I have noticed, in following the steady progress of the *Observer*, that you have gone on to an improved type style, that photographs and overall printing have become top of the line. I realize that content is your more important concern, but I think this attention to detail indicates the pride with which you publish.

On the subject of content: I couldn't help but pick out a phrase from Frederick Douglass, which you put to good use in your editorial. "Remember that we are one, that our cause is one, and that we must help each other, if we would succeed."

I sincerely believe the far-seeing Douglass had captured a concept which could also be applied to United Way, that people are one, that they must help each other. I realize Dr. Douglass had a different reference point, but I believe his concept encompasses much. United Way certainly strives to help all people.

I hope you'll give my best wishes to Gloria Fisher and to all the fine *Observer* staff. I know they put much effort into producing the Anniversary Supplement. It is extremely attractive and they can be proud of the results. The *Observer* has done much to be proud of in five years. I look forward to more such progress. Again, best of luck and all good wishes from United Way.

Very truly yours,  
Philip R. Bogue

### Needs friends

Dear Editor:

I'm a man in prison without any family or friends who call anymore. It gets very lonely in here, and I would like to write and receive letters to any and all people who still care, so please write!! All letters will be answered so address them to:  
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BODY'S LARGEST ORGAN

Skin is the largest organ of the human body. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, the skin of an adult weighs about six pounds.



### "No Trespassing"

When you see a "NO TRESPASSING" sign, you are encountering one of the most ancient doctrines of the common law. For almost seven centuries the rules of trespass have served as a safeguard against unwelcome intrusions of all kinds.

And it is still serving that purpose today. Consider the wide variety of acts that have recently been classified as trespass:

- batting foul balls from a public playground into a private back yard;
- letting spray from a rooftop cooling unit drift onto a neighbor's garden;
- installing shutters that swing over a boundary line;
- trailing a vine up the side of a neighbor's wall;

thrusting an arm belligerently across a fence.

However, an intrusion, even though unwelcome, is usually not considered trespass if it was involuntary. In one case a motorist, sideswiped by a passing truck, was forced to drive over the sidewalk and onto a private lawn. His wheels tore up grass and knocked down shrubbery.

But when the home owner sued him for trespass, the judge tossed the case out of court. The judge said the motorist was no more a trespasser than if he had been carried bodily onto the land against his will.

An intrusion might also be justified by the necessity of reclaiming one's personal property.

Thus, a man was held not to be trespassing when he went next door to retrieve his cat--hiding behind the neighbor's house. As long as he went peacefully, said the court, he was merely exercising his "right of recaption."

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The means to maintain and increase civil rights gains for all Americans are threatened because the NAACP and its programs are now throttled by inflation and the continuing national economic crisis. Yes--when we're in trouble, your civil rights are in trouble. Only you and your like-minded fellow Americans can help maintain the Association in times of stress as the firm and unwavering civil rights bulwark.

To continue the work of the NAACP, send your contribution today by using the coupon below.

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