



We see the world through Black eyes

Opportunity knocks

1976 is an election year, but when it is all over and the political patronage is passed out, Blacks will not be included because we do not participate in party politics.

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee has a potential 1,400 members, two from each precinct. Among these there are less than a dozen Blacks. This is not because Blacks are excluded but because we have not chosen to participate.

Currently many positions are unfilled and the central committee seeks persons to be appointed to fill these positions. Precinct committee people set party policy as well as assisting the election of democrats to public office. The committee is in the process of writing the 1976 platform right now.

It is only natural that those who work are rewarded when there are jobs to be given, so now is the time to look to the future.

The only way to have a share in the writing of the platform and is making decisions that not only effect the party, but local, state and national government, is to participate at the grass roots level. It is not enough to wait until it is all over and then complain.

An ounce of prevention

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is an old saying but it has a lot of wisdom for us today.

Everyone is rejoicing over the fact that three teenage boys who were lost on Mt. Hood for two weeks were found safely. The young men have already announced that they are looking forward to another winter hike on the mountain.

We of course are happy, also, that the boys are alive and well. But we are disappointed at the apparent lack of concern over the hundreds of people who risked their lives in an attempt to save them.

When the boys began their planned five day hike, the weather was threatening, and it had been stormy for weeks. They should not have been allowed to start out across the mountain in this kind of weather, no matter how experienced or well equipped they were.

Every time that someone is lost or trapped because of his own foolhardiness, hundreds of persons must leave their homes and jobs and risk their lives to find them -- from Boy Scouts to helicopter pilots. There would not have been the same joy if one of them had been killed during the search as has happened in the past.

There are enough real emergencies due to sudden weather changes and accidents, without bringing about unnecessary problems through foolishness.

It certainly should be possible to make some equitable rules that would serve to prevent another such incident that could end in tragedy.

We believe that the Forest Service should put restrictions on use of the mountain during the winter and periods of bad weather. It is not unusual for highways, beaches, airports and other areas to be closed to protect lives. The forests are closed during fire season, horses are kept off of certain trails, and there is talk of restricting the numbers using wilderness trails to protect the ecology.

KOAP-TV discriminates

Station KOAP-TV has announced that *Black on Black*, a locally produced Black program, will leave the air after this week to make room for *Black Journal*.

Black Journal is an excellent, national program and must be seen in this area, where there is such a dearth of news on issues of special concern to Blacks. Since it has come under fire from the Nixon-Ford administration, it needs our support.

There is no reason why a public supported television station, dedicated to education, cannot find another spot in prime time for *Black on Black*. Why are we limited to one program per week?

We pay taxes to support KOAP-TV and we must demand our fair share. It certainly won't hurt the people of Oregon to be exposed to two Black programs -- one with a national and the other with a local focus.

Advertising a right

Hearings are currently being held to determine whether the public utilities will lose their right to advertise. This termination of advertising could affect not only newspaper, TV and radio advertising, but could prevent these corporations from putting floats in the Rose Parade, sponsoring Little League teams, etc.

Of perhaps more importance is that if freedoms are taken from one group -- who will be next? Other industries are regulated by state or federal commissions, and they also could be limited in their right to sell their products.

We believe any industry or service should have a right to advertise, to inform the public of its products and services and its prices. This includes, doctors, attorneys, dentists, certified public accountants, etc.

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Third World Wrapup

by Roy Harvey

"Glumly, the senior U.S. State Department official said..." "The Marxists could win (the war in Angola) in weeks, the senior U.S. State Department official said, glumly." Kissinger's 'Glumlies' are now trying to put together a UNITA-MPLA coalition, excluding the FNLA. This last ditch CIA merge attempt proffered by 'reliable sources' in Zambia is met with contempt by the government of the People's Republic of Angola. PRA president Agostinho Neto (pronounced Neh-tu) stated recently that cease-fire negotiations will be made with South Africa, not with puppet Savimbi.

Last week Zairean head General Mobutu declared his country would go to war if the MPLA forces invaded his country again. This sick irony is simply cover for the fact that the bulk of the FNLA troops have been Zairean soldiers all along. The thing which has characterized the FNLA since its CIA inception has been the nepotism of Holden Roberto's family. In a report from Lisbon (January 19th) National Public Radio (NPR) noted that the government of Roberto's brother-in-law "is growing increasingly unstable -- politically and socially -- as fleeing Zairean soldiers, once inside Zaire, are turning on their officers, shooting them with automatic weapons." NPR noted

that Zairean president General Mobuto is terrified that the Bakongo spill over into Zaire will upset the tinderbox his government is. It is possible that the chief CIA supply point for the FNLA in Angola, the northern border town of Santo Antonio de Zaire, has been taken by the army of the People's Republic of Angola.

The Gulf Oil Operations in Cabinda are now being consolidated under the MPLA -- the former Gulf Oil holdings were forfeited when Gulf stopped payment of \$125 million in royalties and taxes last month. The People's Republic of Angola is currently negotiating with the Cefis-connected ENI oil company of Italy for the processing and marketing of the oil, according to *Corriere de la Sera* (January 14th).

Senators Tunney, Clark and Humphrey -- and Washington Congressman Don Bonker -- have called for a cut off not only for defense appropriations for Angola and the closing of all other possible loopholes, but a blanket ban on all administration action in Angola. To this demand President Ford's press secretary responded: "The U.S. will continue to provide assistance to African countries that share its goals in resisting factions in Angola that enjoy Soviet support."

On the Military Front
The main military battle is now over the control of the Benguela railroad. AP (writing from South Africa) quotes a

UNITA spokesman as saying the U.S. and South Africa are airlifting heavy weapons to the Luso (east central) front to counter MPLA armor. IPS notes a report of a U.S. paper quoting the UNITA 'prime minister' -- when he was asked in his Huambo headquarters of how the war was going -- as saying: "I don't know. I haven't heard the Voice of America or Radio South Africa broadcasts yet, which are our only source of information."

The past week has seen the British press speculate that the war is virtually over in favor of the PRA, and that Zambia will have to recognize the MPLA government when the Benguela railroad is taken (Zambia's copper outlet). Immediately following the OAU meeting, Ethiopia recognized the PRA government, bringing the OAU split 24 to 22. Ethiopia was held in place by several Kissinger-allied governments threatening to recognize the Eritrian group in Ethiopia. Following the OAU meeting, Kissinger met with 37 African ambassadors to the U.S., announcing that he plans an Africa tour in the spring, and announced he planned to increase aid to African countries. It is evident that the Kissinger crew have conceded defeat in Angola, and are now maneuvering to institute a kind of 'white communism' in Angola, to wreck the moves that the PRA will be making to link up with the pro-development Third World countries (e.g. Iraq, Mexico, Algeria) for a new world economic order. Such a thrust necessitates the implementation of a debt moratoria against the bankrupt dollar, and a raw materials-for-industrial-development exchange, predicated on the brute force program to develop thermonuclear fusion power. This is the program of the U.S. Labor Party: the International Development Bank, authored by the USLP presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. If you haven't got a copy of the IDB, get one. Call 238-0162. The alternative to implementing the new world economic order and the IDB is acceptance of global austerity: a sick joke.

Sheriff warns winter hikers

Sheriff Lee P. Brown, Director, Multnomah County Department of Public Safety, issued a warning alert to hikers concerning potential snow dangers to be found within the Columbia Gorge, Tanner Butte, and Larch Mountain regions of the Cascades. Many local outdoorsmen often fail to realize these areas are among the wildest, most hazardous sections of the Northwest...particularly during the winter season. The snowgate on Larch Mountain is closed due to the adverse conditions on the mountain.

Lieutenant Robert Skipper, coordinator for the Sheriff's regional Search and Rescue Operations, distributed the following critical rules and guidelines for those who plan trips into any remote areas:

1. Never hike or camp alone.
2. During winter months, plan to be out of the above regions before nightfall. Daylight vanishes, weather changes, and blizzard conditions occur rapidly in these areas, particularly when climbing from lower elevations.
3. Know where you are going. Always leave an itinerary with a responsible party. If you have not returned at a specified hour, this person should be instructed to call the Sheriff's emergency number (760-6911).
4. Check local and Cascade weather forecasts before departure.
5. Wear proper winter clothing. This gear should include sturdy hiking boots, rainwear, and a change of clothes.
6. Take along basic survival equipment. These supplies might include a day-pack containing matches, a small stove or similar heat source, food for at least one day, axe or pocket knife, compass, small first-aid kit, and a sufficient length of nylon rope...And know how to use this equipment.
7. Plan a "turn around time." Since daylight fades early during winter months, give serious thought to an early return trip.

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a scaling down of CIA operations, calling for them to be put under the control of Rumsfeld. Likewise the *Chicago Sun Times* makes the same thrust toward domestic intelligence operations, running a cartoon entitled 'Terrorism' of FBI head Clarence Kelly holding a bomb, with Kelly saying: "We'll just have to give up some of our civil liberties" (a statement Kelly made two weeks ago).

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