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through Black eyes

Primary not effective

It is time for a change in Oregon's primary election. The current system, placing all who are considered to be serious candidates with national followings on the Oregon ballots is no longer justified.

This law came as an effort to bring back the glory of the Oregon primary of the days when major campaigns were decided in Oregon -- Dewey vs. Stassen, Rockefeller vs. Lodge. When other states began holding primaries, now numbering about thirty, the Oregon primary lost its significance. The law was designed to force candidates to campaign in Oregon.

This year the Secretary of State, who has the sole power to determine who will be on the ballot, has made a force of the Democratic primary. With two popular names on the ballot, Hubert Humphrey and Ted Kennedy, both of whom claim not to be candidates for the presidency, Oregon's delegation could very well go to the Democratic National Convention committed to "non-candidates". Yet Sergeant Shriver, who is campaigning actively and has gained delegates in other states, was left off the ballot.

The Republican Party fared better. Only the two major candidates -- President Ford and Ronald Reagan were put on the ballot -- even though there are additional announced candidates, the Republican citizen of Oregon will have a clear choice.

The primary should go back to the old system. Let each candidate decide whether he is a candidate and whether he wants to participate in Oregon. Then perhaps the primary will again have meaning.

Law still there

Former Oregon residents, William Mackie and Hamish McKay, who have been banished from the United States because of alleged political views, will soon be allowed to return. Both men were children of American parents, but were born abroad.

The men were exiled from the only country they had known because the Nixon-Mundt and Walter-McCarron acts allow the deportation of "aliens" who are judged to be "subversive."

Although this action has not been taken in recent years, the law still allows the Immigration Service to deport persons considered dangerous to the country. Not only can the individuals be deported for beliefs, but these can be retroactive -- occurring before the laws were passed. It is never too late for "witch

hunting" committees to dig up the past and persecute loyal and law-abiding persons.

The Congressional delegates from Oregon -- a state which has felt the law administered in a punitive and brutal way -- should lead the move to have these laws abolished.

Another Point of View

A man before his time

Paul Robeson was a man before his time. When he died last month in Philadelphia, the country and the world lost a great citizen. Robeson was great primarily because of his undeviating integrity and wide range of talents. Admitted to Rutgers University at a time when Black men on a major campus were a rarity, he excelled in every area, earning a Phi Beta Kappa key in addition to becoming an all-American grid player, and a star in baseball and track as well.

Recognizing the evil of racism, this sensitive, creative leader began early to speak out against Jim Crow and racial oppression even during his recitals. He saw fascism for what it was when other Americans were enchanted by Hitler and Mussolini. And when he visited Socialist countries, he was impressed with what he found there and had the courage to say so. He is revered and honored in the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries where schools and other buildings are named in his honor.

When Robeson urged coexistence or detente a quarter of a century ago, he was criticized and ostracized. But when arch conservative and Red-baiter Richard Nixon did the same thing in the 1970's, it was hailed as a cornerstone of America's foreign policy.

Yes, during the Joseph McCarthy cold-war era, Robeson became a victim of the thoughtless hysteria. Denied the concert stage in America, he was forced to decline opportunities to appear abroad by his government which seized his passport. He never overcame the vicious smear and lived out the remainder of his life in obscurity.

However bloodied his statuesque head, it remained unbowed to the end, while most Americans, even Black Americans, washed their hands of him like modern-day Pontius Pilates. It's an old story that goes back 976 years. The continuing shame of it is that we still permit such tragedies to happen. (NNPA)

Third World Wrapup

by Roy Harvey

With the People's Republic of Angola now a full member of the OAU, and the CIA funded counter-gangs UNITA and the FNLA routed in northern and southern Angola, the independence and colonial war is drawing to a close. South Africa is reportedly requesting terms for their Caluque hydro-electric project in southern Africa; they still have some 20,000 troops in southern Angola and Namibia. The UNITA group has pledged itself to guerrilla war against the PRA: a repitition of the CIA-funded Kurds (Barzani) against the pro-development Iraq. But as the Atlanticists take control of the CIA and foreign policy, they will not rely on simple UNITA terrorism to contain Angola. Sweden's recognition of the PRA is indicative of the adjustment the Atlanticists are making to contain Angola and southern Africa.

Development or Triage

Angola will have no breathing spell -- it emerges victorious after fifteen years of warfare with the Portuguese and then with the CIA funded counter-gangs into the throes of an international depression-collapse. The PRA will move quickly toward the New World Economic Order, or will be contained according to World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) dictates. This 'containment' will serve to stop the revolutionary process now tearing southern Africa from the IMF-World Bank and South Africa's apartheid fascism. Triage -- the genocidal scrapping of "useless eaters" -- will be the victor if Angola is contained.

Zaire

Bankrupt Mobutu's condition has begun now to surface in the press: some 6,000 Zairean troops who "fled Zaire

following Mobutu's (CIA) repression in Katanga (now Shaba) province ten years ago and who have fought alongside the MPLA (PRA)" will soon return to Zaire, remoralized and armed. Industrial collapse in the advanced sector has led to a collapse in Zaire's economy (copper, etc.) while General Mobutu faces a flanking attack by pro-socialist forces from the east and the west of Zaire. Mobutu recently purges itself of his 'Politburo', and is now attempting to negotiate terms to ship out his copper and preserve Zaire's port city Matadi and the 23 mile stretch of land on the Atlantic. Lacking any foreign exchange since April, Mobutu has imposed deadly austerity on the population to stay in the good graces of his creditors and potential loan sources (but the loans from the IMF-World Bank sufficient to rectify Mobutu's decimation of the population will never be seen).

Zambia

'Christian Maoist' Kenneth Kaunda has had to close the University of Zambia (Lusaka), and detain a number of pro-development professors, while a majority of students have called the UNITA-supporting professors 'mercenaries and lackeys of the U.S.' The Ford Foundation has been a primary source of funds for the University of Zambia. Lusaka continues to be UNITA's Jonas Savimbi's headquarters.

Mauritania - Senegal - Mali

Rats and disease give evidence to the genocidal austerity policies of the IMF World Bank: millions of rats are devouring crops and spreading plague in West Africa, where much of the population lacks sanitation, potable water, shelter, disease control measures, food.

Kissinger

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and imports necessary to sustain them cease to exist -- the price of fertilizer, for example, was up 372 percent in 1975. The vast unemployed and sped-up employed working class is rapidly being undermined by cuts in social services (public health, sanitation, education) which has exacerbated deadly hepatitis, plague, chagas, meningitis and vastly increased the high infant mortality rates. The rat population in Buenos Aires outnumbers the human population by sixteen to one. On top of this the IMF has demanded debt payments in the next sixty days of \$1.1 billion dollars. Argentina is not safe for Henry.

Brazil: Henry's 'safe house'

Brazil is Argentina's future if the Schachtel IMF looting policies are continued in Argentina. Prior to 1964 Brazil had probably the most prosperous working class population in Latin America. April 1964 the CIA organized the overthrow of Brazil's civilian government, replacing it with a police state regime that would honor the dictates of the World Bank above all. In 1965 Brazil's foreign debt was small -- about \$3 billion; in ten years the debt had expanded to \$22 billion (compared, for example, to Italy's \$14 billion) with debt service alone being \$3 billion. In order to meet such interest rates, anything of value is shipped out of the country, while Death Squads have tortured, terrorized and destroyed union and political opposition to the Junta. The working

population is subjected to recycling: "a worker is replaced like a worn-out part by a new worker from the vast reserve army of unemployed." The diet of Brazilian workers and their families consists of black beans, cassava flour, brick sugar and fruit: an intake of about 1,500 calories and 17 grams of protein per day. Brazil's one-the-job accident rate is the highest in the world (in 1974 there were a reported 1.8 million serious industrial accidents and deaths), while child labor (ten to fourteen years) is soaring. Sixty percent of the population is infected with at least one serious disease, while the money allotted to health care has dropped 70 percent between 1964-73.

A population of nearly 100 million people is being decimated. It is a pilot project of the World Bank, touted as the 'economic miracle'. Its population is 'pacified' to its own extinction, and as such it is a safe place for Henry to visit. It is unlikely he will visit the favela slums, nor associate with people who have contact with the plague, or chagas, or meningitis, or malaria, or shistosomiasis, or tuberculosis, or.....

Niger

Pledged to pay the IMF-World Bank debt, the peasants and farmers in Niger were forced to switch from growing grains for domestic sale and consumption to growing export crops (especially peanuts). This policy has led to the starvation of a fourth of Niger's population, while the country is forced to plead for emergency food supplies to avert further mass starvation.

Nigeria

Last week Nigeria's Chief of State Murtala Muhammed was assassinated in a coup attempt similar to the assassination scenario spelled out by CIA covert operations head Richard "Don't call it murder" Bissell against Patrice Lumumba in the Congo (Zaire) etc., etc. Muhammed had incurred the wrath of two sectors of Nigeria's 65 million population: the pro-CIA (many of whom had been purged from the military by Muhammed) and the corrupt, whose activities Muhammed was exposing. The coup attempt had little support, and is over. Lieutenant Colonel Musa Dimka, who led the attempt, has not yet been apprehended. The so-called 'young revolutionaries' were reportedly critical of Muhammed's foreign policy: a foreign policy which played a key role in the OAU recognition of the People's Republic of Angola. Dimka's (and his probable CIA backers) efforts have backfired, as Lieutenant General Olusegun Obasanjo is reportedly a key pro-development advocate who will continue and expand upon the pro-development efforts of the slain Muhammed.

The Atlanticists

The foreign policy of Kissinger toward the Third World (love us or leave us) has been replaced by the Harriman-Ball faction, which pushes a soft line so as to maintain the flow of debt service capital: the same triage-genocide advocated by the Rockefeller Chase -- First National City grouping. George Ball, of Lehman Brothers banking house revealed his policy to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: "...respectable opinion suggests that in providing aid to countries already crowded in relation to space and resources, we may be multiplying the misery for future generations...this poses distasteful questions...the idea expressed in the military term 'triage'." The Atlanticists are dictating triage-genocide -- not at all palatable to the Third World, or anybody in his right mind.

Henry Kissinger is unlikely to survive as Secretary of State much longer. His trip to Brazil, Peru, Guatemala, Colombia and Costa Rica will only serve to heighten U.S. awareness of the ravaged conditions of Latin America, especially the condition of the World Bank 'economic miracle' Brazil. Kissinger will have nothing to offer Latin Americans except good credit ratings and more austerity.

A Question

What does it mean when the majority of syndicated columnists and assorted hacks write 'anti-western' forces, when referring to the Third World? They mean 'anti-austerity, pro-development forces'.

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Ford/Jordan

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and efficient, "The White House memo continues, "There is widespread agreement that the current income assistance programs are unwieldy, costly and that some needy persons receive insufficient help while others receive more than they should have. Jordan responds, "He put forth the idea that 'massive national programs' were tried and that they failed. He lamented the supposed shift in emphasis from defense to domestic spending which supposedly unbalanced our economy.

"Anybody here remember Vietnam? That war cost over \$200 billion, shifting money from the domestic economy to war waste and inducing the inflation and depression of the early 70s. That, not the feeble social programs of the 60s is what turned our economy sour."

The White House Memo explains, "An improving economy is often the key factor in the determination or disposition of countless programs of major importance to Blacks. As one economist catches the sniffles, specific but worthwhile programs may come down with pneumonia." To further bolster the economy, the President called on Congress to reduce Federal taxes and to curb Government spending and to work toward a balanced budget in Fiscal Year 1979.

Jordan says, "Again, the same sort of 'thinking small' comes through on jobs, for the President says 'our kind of government cannot create that many jobs.' Why not? That sounds more like an argument for changing our kind of government than it does as a reason for accepting intolerable unemployment rates."

"The President said: 'It is time we quit downgrading ourselves as a nation.' To which I say, 'amen', but indulging in the new rhetoric of smallness, propagation myths, and refusing to recognize our social and racial problems is in itself a way of downgrading our country and its potential."

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