



*We see the world
through Black eyes*

Vote yes, library levy

One of the most important roads to opportunity for Blacks and other ethnic groups in this country has been the public library. Now in this period of depression, with local governments seeking ways to cut their budgets, the libraries have been among the first programs to fold. This in spite of the fact that libraries are used more heavily during periods of depression.

Multnomah County's proposed budget cuts support of the library nearly half. The resulting fund deficit would bring about the closure of all but the Central Library downtown and one Eastside branch. Library hours and services also would be curtailed.

Many of us are not aware of the many services the library affords, especially to the very young and the very old. On any rainy afternoon, one will find the Central Library filled with elderly people who have nowhere else to go. The bookmobile provides enjoyment to many elderly persons who cannot go to a library and to persons who live in rural areas.

The story hours and films add another dimension to the educational opportunities of the young.

Many of our best students could not have achieved an education without the use of the free public library. With prices and unemployment rising, the free use of books becomes even more important.

Elimination of the library's ability to acquire the latest books and periodicals would damage its usefulness as a research center for years to come.

Measure 5 on the Primary Ballot, the Multnomah County Serial Tax Levy, would raise funds to maintain the library at its current level. This levy would cost only 31 cents per \$1,000 property evaluation -- or about \$6.20 a year on a \$20,000 home. Surely we can spare this small amount -- less than the price of a hard cover book -- to maintain our library system.

We must not only vote for Measure 5, but must lend our support and work for its passage.

Project Health good deal

Project Health offers an excellent opportunity for low-income families to obtain regular medical care. This program does not separate those whose medical plans are subsidized by government from those who pay their own premiums. It is perhaps the best program to come along.

Project Health offers the opportunity to enroll before illness occurs, to have regular physical examinations, and to practice preventative medicine. The low-income family can have the opportunity to formulate good health practices. No longer do they have to put off health care until a crisis occurs and then wait until they can establish eligibility for charity.

This program offers the opportunity to use Kaiser, Cascade, the Medical School or any doctor that belongs to the Oregon Physicians Service. Another feature is that when a family's income increases and they are no longer eligible for Project Health, they can convert to private or group insurance with the same carrier.

The project is currently seeking families and individuals. Anyone who thinks they might qualify, should immediately apply. The application method is simple and without embarrassing verifications.

No one should jeopardize their health or that of their family because they do not want to accept government help. Health care must become a right in this nation, and this is a step toward that end.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW Jimmy Carter's Candidacy

taken from the Atlanta Inquirer

This is not an endorsement of the presidential candidacy of former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter. Inquirer political endorsements are considered and made by the Board of Directors.

But, we have been a little disturbed that some people around the country are a little frightened by the possibility that Jimmy Carter may become the Democratic candidate and president of the United States. We want to say to people outside the South, especially Blacks outside Georgia that there should be no fear of Jimmy Carter as president.

As Carter continues to roll up primary victory after primary victories, the opportunists supporting other candidates or no candidates at this point are dredging up false or implied falsehoods of Carter's record that often go without stiff challenges. Senator Henry Jackson, himself a candidate, did it on national television during the Florida primary and George Wallace, also a candidate, has gotten in his licks.

The truth is that Jimmy Carter was a good Georgia governor. He and Lester Maddox were bitter political enemies, not political bed partners and candidates can check the record on that and other things instead of shooting from the hip as Jackson did in Florida.

Carter didn't have the Black support for governor that he now has for president and he himself said while running for governor that Blacks "won't like my campaign, but I'm going to be a good governor for you." In his inaugural address, he blasted racism and, during his tenure, he opened doors that had been closed to Black people and women. He surprised pleasantly a helluva lot of people.

A Black woman (Rita Jackson) and a Black man (David Scott) had key jobs on his staff. Black newsmen were invited to cover his Capitol press conferences and to be in on rap sessions at the Governor's Mansion. Blacks were appointed by Carter to numerous state boards. Portraits, three of them, were the first ever to be hung in places of honor at the State Capital. A Black person (Republican Ben Brown) is a deputy coordinator of the Carter for President campaign.

Many Blacks know Carter's record and relish in his enthusiasm and seeming honesty, and many people seem to desire somebody in Washington who will not present us ever again the specter of Spiro T. Agnew and Richard Nixon, both of whom have gone scot-free for what they did in contributing to a premonition in this country that it is okay to lie, cheat and steal. Who knows how many people have been affected by the Nixon-Agnew "achievements"? We personally know some Americans who have "copied out on the world."

Carter said in Atlanta last week before a mixed audience of more than 1,000, that Blacks "fought for and helped liberate Black people in this nation and, in the process, also liberated whites."

There is strong Black support for Carter and one reason is that Blacks know discrimination as nobody else can and Carter is getting some of that discrimination simply because he is a Southerner whose mere attribute in being Southern is scaring the hell out of some people. We can understand that fear.

America, this southern candidate is for real. His candidacy has put some oomph in Election '76 and he should not be "turned off" because he is a native of South Georgia and a Southerner. Check him out first.

Then, you might say as we heard others say in North Carolina over the weekend, "He's our man" in primary voting.

Commission on aging

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To: AAA Contract Agencies
From: Bob Holdridge

Subject: FY76-77 Budget - A Personal Request

The City and County now have their Proposed Budgets on paper. In a year when millions of dollars are being cut from social service budgets, the Aging Division is quite pleased that the 10% increase we requested is in each of them. We should be pleased if we had just maintained our last year's level. At this point, however, the Division feels it has done all it can. The rest is now up to you. Just because aging is in print for a 10% increase does not necessarily mean that that will be the final decision.

The next step in the budget process is the Hearings. There must be support for the printed word, and that support must come from you and your constituencies.

The fight is to keep the 10%. In the City it needs to be fought in the regular budget Hearing April 12, 2:00 p.m. There are two battle fields in the County - the budget Hearings (beginning April 12) and the Tax Increase Hearings (attached).

I have done what I can, and I am very proud of that in this budget crisis year. The rest is up to you. Don't fail the elderly. They deserve a 100% increase, but let's insure they get the 10%.

BH:SF

LETTERS

Shows true colors

Dear Editor:

That so-called great liberal, Don Clark, is doing it to us again. He deplores the fact that his budget calls for laying off 310 County employees next year, mainly those in Human Services.

On the other hand, he is Chairman of the Oregon "Scoop" Jackson for President Committee. This Chairmanship of Jackson's Oregon Campaign tells us more about Don Clark as a politician than anything he may want us to believe.

Jackson is a warmonger, a racist, and the darling of the reactionary Military-Industrial Complex.

A smart politician like Don Clark must know that. If not, then his Assistant, Ken Jarvis, should tell him. Ken is supposed to be a liberal too.

Herb Simpson

No Black women?

Dear Editor:

It is my understanding that presently there are no Black women in the Civil Rights Division of the Bureau of Labor. How can we expect the Civil Rights Division to administer affirmative action for Black women when the Division itself has discriminated so blatantly against them?

Commissioner Stevenson can redeem himself slightly by hiring a woman as administrator of the Civil Rights Division.

Hazel G. Hays

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