



*We see the world
through Black eyes*

No Banks extradition

Dennis Banks is in Oregon awaiting trial on federal firearms charges. These charges will probably be dropped since the federal attorney's are not prepared to go to trial, the alleged evidence having been destroyed by law enforcement officers.

The background for these charges was the murder of an Indian youth in Custer, South Dakota, by a white who was then charged with a misdemeanor. When American Indian Movement leaders including Dennis Banks went to an agreed meeting at the courthouse, they found it surrounded by troopers. When the victim's mother arrived, she was knocked down by troopers. During the struggle that followed, the courthouse burned.

Banks was charged with "riot where arson is committed," and was convicted by an all white jury. Believing that he faced certain death in a South Dakota prison, Banks fled the state and became a federal fugitive.

Since 1973 Wounded Knee has occurred, 200 participants were indicted, (though few were convicted) and a reign of terror followed. AIM leaders claim that over 200 militant Indian people have been murdered since 1973. One of the latest to be murdered was Anna Mae Aquash, who was arrested in Oregon, and was to have been a defendant in the up-coming trial. Ms. Aquash returned to South Dakota and was shot in the back of the head.

Dennis Banks fears he, also, will be murdered if he returns to South Dakota. Judging on the past, the odds are that he is right. This week, the Governor of South Dakota will request his return. The Governor of Oregon has the option to refuse. If the Governor refuses, there may be political repercussions. We think our Governor and the people of Oregon have the strength to face the political pressure. If he sends Banks back to South Dakota and a murder does occur, how do we face the guilt?

There is fear in some places that a refusal to extradite Banks would make Oregon a haven for radicals. This is not true. There have been cases where states have refused to return Blacks to persons in the deep south because they faced torture and death -- yet we see no evidence that these states have become havens for radicals or criminals. Also, there is no evidence that Banks is a radical or a criminal. We all remember the trumped up charges made against Blacks who were brave enough to vote or to protest unfair laws, and against whites who opposed the war in Vietnam.

There is no danger Oregon would become a "haven for radicals," but it would not hurt us at all to gain a reputation for humanitarianism and justice.

We recommend to Governor Straub that he refuse extradition of Dennis Banks to South Dakota. Since he has been in Oregon, Banks has demonstrated that he wants only what we all want, the right to freedom and justice. A man's life is at stake -- and our state must act to insure this life is preserved.

Elect Jimmy Carter

Not for many years has a presidential candidate raised the interest in the Black community that Jimmy Carter has. Largely unknown, and a white southerner at that, Carter has won the respect and support of a vast number of Black people across the country.

W.E.B. DuBois, a man from Atlanta, said in 1905, "The problem of the twentieth century is of the color line -- the relation of the darker of the lighter races of men in Asia and Africa, America and the islands of the sea."

This remains true today. This nation has many problems -- foreign policy, the economy, poverty -- but most of these problems stem directly from racism. The racism inherent in our culture affects our attitude toward the peoples of the world. Racism has kept the Blacks and working class whites in economic bondage throughout the history of our nation.

If we as a nation could rid ourselves of the basic motivation of oppressing those who are not white, our nation could move on to make life better here and abroad.

Jimmy Carter brought racial harmony to Georgia, a southern state, where today we see Blacks in leading roles in government, business and education.

In his inaugural address Carter said, "the time for racial discrimination is over....No poor, weak or Black person should ever again have to bear the additional burden of being deprived of an opportunity for education, a job or simple justice."

Carter then set about to make this pledge a reality. He increased the number of Blacks on appointed boards from three to 53. The state implemented an affirmative action plan hiring nearly 2,000 Blacks. Carter appointed the first Black judge to the civil court.

Carter established a Department of Judicial Process, one of the major goals being to provide equal justice regardless of race or economic status. He supported the first fair housing law and appointed a Black to the Real Estate Commission, and gave it the power to revoke the license of a realtor who discriminates.

Jimmy Carter brought changes to Georgia and he can bring changes to the nation. In these days of violence in Boston, "the cradle of liberty," we need a man who can bring about a reconciliation of the races and who brings to the presidency as a top priority the goal of equality and justice for all Americans.

Other candidates have made promises -- but this is a man who has already kept his promises in a region where promoting the Black cause is not popular.

Jimmy Carter has an extra quality -- an appeal to the spiritual -- that much talked about smile -- something that can bring back faith in the goodness of man. Jimmy Carter is not perfect, he will not do everything we want him to do. But we can hope that he will look at the world through honest eyes and take the nation a step closer to its ideals of equality and justice.

It should be obvious that a candidate like Senator Church, who has entered only seven primaries, can spend more time in Oregon than one like Jimmy Carter, who entered all the primaries. Church has been in Oregon five times since January while Carter has been campaigning throughout the nation.

We know all the candidates love Oregon, so let's cast our votes on the issues, integrity, and the best possibility for a Democratic victory in November -- not on who came first or stayed longest.

Retain Charles Jordan Lansing our choice

Charles Jordan has served on the City Council for two years and has shown his independence in voting, often casting the deciding vote between the two factions: Ivancie and McCready vs. Goldschmidt and Schwab.

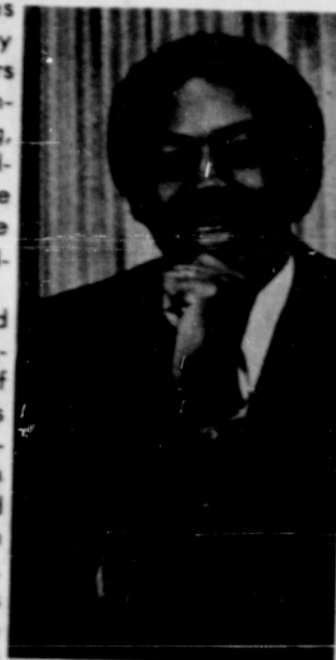
Jordan asked for and was assigned administration of the Bureau of Human Resources as well as related programs, Metropolitan Youth Commission and the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission. All of these agencies were in trouble before assigned to Jordan, and all are the type of programs that draw undo criticism. Social service programs not only serve the outcasts of society but have a difficult job proving their success.

Jordan has had his problems with the manpower program, but seems to have gotten it in the right track. Manpower programs, it must be remembered, do not have a high degree of success due to the population they are designed to serve.

Jordan's biggest problems have been related to his choice of personnel -- we believe he has not always received the necessary facts and the best advice from his staff. This also has been corrected to some degree.

Jordan is an honest and dedicated public servant. His first two years have been difficult, but he has earned respect and demonstrated his sincere concern for the people of Portland and especially for those who are poor or without power.

We believe that Jordan has done a good job and that the next four years will bring the growth and development that will make him one of Portland's greatest Commissioners. We endorse Charles Jordan for re-election.



Jewel Lansing is the Observer's choice for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer. Ms. Lansing is currently the elected Multnomah County Auditor. She is a Certified Public Accountant, having managed her own CPA office for three years. She also has had administrative experience with the federal government.

Besides her high professional qualifications for the office of State Treasurer, Ms. Lansing is an outspoken advocate of affirmative action and of equal rights for minorities and women.

Mrs. Lansing is a capable County Auditor...She wants to insure the people of Oregon that state government is operated with efficiency and integrity.



Mann this time

Clay Myers is seeking the Republican nomination for State Treasurer, having served the maximum two terms as Secretary of State and failed in his bid for the governorship.

Myers' terms as Secretary of State have been mediocre. A recent report shed unfavorable light on his office's operations, nearly every voters pamphlet he has published has had major problems, and there is still much question about election procedures in some areas of the state. He has not been a strong advocate of election reform. All of these are Myers responsibilities and none have been handled adequately.

And when we think of Clay Myers, we never can forget how he took the easy way out in his redistricting plan and split our community four ways.

Myers is a nice guy and we have endorsed him in some of his past campaigns. But this time there is a choice. Myers opponents are John Smet and Ira Mann, both well qualified men.

Ira Mann has both legislative and administrative experience, having served four sessions in the legislature and director of the Department of Agriculture, the state's second largest department. He is our choice.

Elect Whipple, Paulus

For the office of Secretary of State, we endorse Norma Paulus for the Republican nomination and Blaine Whipple for the Democratic nomination.

Mrs. Paulus comes highly qualified. During her three terms in the House of Representatives, she has served on committees on land use, election laws, conflict of interest and lobbying, all areas of concern to the Secretary of State's office. A respected Republican legislator, she nevertheless leans toward the left. A bright career is ahead of Mrs. Paulus and this is only her first step toward higher office.

Blaine Whipple, in his first term in the State Senate, does not have the legislature experience of some of his opponents but he has experience in business and as Democratic national committeeman. Whipple's successful efforts in the campaign's of Gene McCarthy and George McGovern point out his anti-war, pro-people background and this is the deciding factor in our endorsement of Whipple for the Democratic nomination.

Retain Betty Roberts



Betty Roberts is seeking to retain her Senate Seat representing District 10. Senator Roberts is a leader in the Senate, having fought hard for education, child care, women's rights, the environment. A hardworking Senator, she deserves re-election.

Kafoury our choice

Stephen Kafoury, one of the states finest young legislators, currently represents House District #13 in lower Albina. He now seeks the Democratic nomination for Senate District 7.

In the House, Kafoury chaired the Human Resources and Land Use Committees. His employment has included teaching at Jefferson High School and Albina Youth Opportunity School and a stint in the Peace Corp.

Kafoury's work in the legislature has been to emphasize the problems and concerns of the urban areas.

Kafoury seeks the seat here by Norma Howard for the past twenty years. Howard, though a hard-working Senator, votes on the conservative side of the issues. Kafoury, a relative newcomer, has a new perspective and is seeking improvements in the services the state provides its people.



Vern Cook best choice

Vern Cook is seeking re-election to his Senate post in District 12. Cook is one of those rare legislators who is not afraid to disagree -- whether with the Governor or his fellow Senators. He is an advocate of legislative reform, of civil rights, and although we think he is on the wrong side of the fish issue, we endorse his re-election.



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Letters to the Editor Support library levy

To the Editor:

To the Editor,

Some of us upper grade students at Boise School think it would be a terrible mistake for the people of Multnomah County to let their branch libraries be closed. Our libraries are important to us because we need to study and learn about other things. We need to do research, and have lots of detail about famous people. We the students will stretch our necks as far as we can to try to keep the libraries open, and we need publicity to get people to vote.

Yours sincerely,
Lenora Garrett

Our class read your editorial about the library levy and we agree with you. We think that we should really get the public involved with the library levy and show them how much we students need the libraries for many things, like to find books on career jobs and help with homework. Older people go there to communicate with other people and find novels and to use reference books.

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Yours sincerely,
Jeffery Mitchell



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