



*We see the world
through Black eyes*

Get rid of Mosee

The appointment of Lee Brown as Multnomah County's Director of Justice Services was affirmed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The one dissenting voice in this matter was that of Commissioner Dan Mosee, who called for the abolition of the position. Whatever Mosee's motive, it is a bit strange that he would want this position abolished at the time it was offered to a Black man. Even more strange because Mosee calls himself a friend of Blacks.

Commissioner Mosee is up for re-election Tuesday. We call for his removal -- not for the removal of the office, but for the removal of the man -- at the polls.

Goldschmidt for Mayor

Neil Goldschmidt is seeking a second term as mayor. His major opponent is City Commissioner Francis Ivancie. The two candidates differ radically in their approaches to the city's problems.

Goldschmidt has emphasized citizens participation. He supported Model Cities, the development of neighborhood organizations, appointed citizen's task forces to review city budgets, and generally has sought input. In his appointments to committees and boards, he has selected a wide variety of individuals, including minorities and women.

Goldschmidt has greatly increased the number of Blacks at all levels of city government. We are not satisfied with the progress in this area, but must say that Goldschmidt has done more than any mayor before him.

We did not agree with the Mayor's shotgun decision, but believe he is concerned about more equal justice. The Police Bureau, which is under his jurisdiction, needs some close scrutiny.

Goldschmidt presents a positive program -- housing, development of the downtown area, neighborhood stability.

Commissioner Ivancie's record does not show a concern for our community. His affirmative action effort is nil. The departments that have been under his control -- parks, fire, etc. have poor records in this area. We must remember also that it was under Commissioner Ivancie's orders that the Portland State police riot took place.

Ivancie's record has been one of negation -- he is opposed to the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, the Neighborhood Associations, etc. His campaign has been a negative one -- anti-Goldschmidt rather than pro-Portland. We have yet to hear what positive steps he would take to solve the problems of the city.

Goldschmidt is making an effort to improve life in the city. We endorse his re-election.

Jimmy Carter, again

It is seldom that a newspaper endorses a candidate twice; in fact it might be against some rule of journalism. But new candidates have entered the race and others have dropped out since we endorsed Jimmy Carter three weeks ago.

We heartily endorse the candidacy of Jimmy Carter, former Governor of Georgia. We endorse Carter on his record -- a record of furthering equal opportunity, affirmative action and justice. Carter proved his sincerity and his ability in a state where it wasn't easy. White constituents were not pleased when he appointed Blacks to high office; the Klan marched when he hung a photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the capitol building.

According to the white press, Carter doesn't discuss the issues. We have heard him discuss the issues: amnesty, clear cutting, conservation, government reorganization, a nuclear testing ban, trade with developing nations, farm problems, unemployment, welfare reform, health care, etc. etc., etc. and on most of the issues, we agree with him.

We believe Jimmy Carter has the desire and the understanding to bring about peace at home and a new image abroad.

Redden and Durham

The office of the Attorney General is one of the most important offices in state government. As the state's attorney, he makes legal decisions that can determine the state's activities. As the top law-enforcement officer, he can set the climate for honesty and justice.

The Attorney General is the ultimate enforcer of civil rights laws, and we have seen what can happen when the position is filled by one who has no commitment to civil rights.

Two good men are running for the Democratic nomination. Both have distinguished records in civil rights, consumer protection and environmental issues.

We endorse Jim Redden for the Democratic nomination. Redden has demonstrated a long time concern for justice for Black people. We believe he has the strength to carry out strong policies on civil rights enforcement. As State Treasurer he has done an outstanding job and has proved that he is an able administrator.

We urge his election.

On the Republican side, we endorse Jim Durham. We had some question about Durham at one time, but in recent months he has proved his commitment to affirmative action. Durham is our choice.

County Commission - Akeson, Buchanan

Harvey Akeson is the Observer's choice for County Commission, Position # 2. Akeson has served as a State Representative for eight years. In the last session he was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He has the experience and judgement to look at the issues and make good decisions, and is committed to public health and social services.

The incumbent, Dan Mosee, on the other hand, has shown little understanding, often voting in opposition to Don Clark rather than on the issue. Not only does he have continuous personality conflicts with the other Board members, but he has not demonstrated an understanding of the Board's business. It is time for a change.

Dennis Buchanan, who was appointed to the Board of County Commissioners, deserves election. Buchanan has proven to be an active, well-informed member of the board. An independent thinker, he adds balance to the Board and should be retained in Position #4.

Lent, Zittenfield

Berkely Lent has been a Circuit Court Judge since 1971 and is respected by those professionals who appear in his court. He served six sessions in the Oregon Legislature. Lent is a fair and able judge.

Shirley Field, also a District Court Judge, has come under fire for her lack of judicial competence. Her inattention to the rights of defendants has caused the ACLU to monitor her courtroom; an unprecedented number of attorneys avoid her court. Even Tom McCall, who appointed her, has his regrets.

Needless to say, we endorse Berkely Lent for the Supreme Court.

Lee Zittenfield is opposing the incumbent judge, William C. Beers. In a poll of attorneys conducted last summer by the Oregonian, Beers ranked second lowest (Fields was lowest) in competence and diligence, and third lowest in fairness and temperament.

Zittenfield, who has practiced law for six years, lives in Irvington. He and his wife are foster parents and he is a member of the board of the Foster Parent's Association. His children attend Irvington School.

The district court is the court closest to the people. Most of its cases are traffic, misdemeanors and small claims. Most defendants are not represented by legal counsel. Integrity and fairness on the part of the judge are especially important in this court. Zittenfield would bring that concern for justice to the bench.

Cary Jackson - #18

The most difficult choice this election year was that among Cary Jackson, Nick Jones and Jane Cease, all running for the Democratic nomination for House of Representatives District #18, the seat now held by Lloyd Kinsey.

We endorse Cary Jackson. Jackson is a resident of Irvington. He has degrees in business from Harvard and Stanford and studied law at Lewis and Clark. He chairs the City of Portland Citizen's Task Force on the Office of Management and Budget, and has served as the Executive Officer of the Oregon Legislative Committee on Trade and Economic Development. Jackson's interests include taxation, economic growth and job development. We believe he is responsive to the needs of the Black community.

Gary Hansen - #14

The Observer endorses Gary Hansen for the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives District #14 in North Portland. Hansen has been active in community service, including serving two terms as President of the North Portland Citizen's Committee. We believe he would better serve the interests of the citizens of North Portland than the incumbent, Dr. Howard Cherry.

School Board

Newman, Priestley, Verbout

The Observer endorses Jonathan Newman, Wally Priestley and Mike Verbout for the Board of Education.

Jonathan Newman is honest and hard-working. He has had a leading role in promoting desegregation in the Portland Public Schools. We do not agree with all decisions made by the Board, but we believe Newman is sincere and concerned. He advocates citizen participation in the education process and endorses the strengthening of advisory committees.

Wally Priestley seeks the seat held by Paul Howe. Priestley favors granting decision making powers to the citizen advisory committees. We know Priestley is committed to equal quality education for all children.

Mike Verbout, a lifetime resident of North Portland and former music teacher at Roosevelt, has learned first hand the problems faced by low-income students. Verbout has demonstrated an interest in his students that goes beyond the call of duty. We believe the rapport he shares with student, parent and community members would be a valuable asset to the Board of Education.

Endorsement re-cap

President - Jimmy Carter (D)	State Representative	Supreme Court - Berkeley Lent
Attorney General - J. Redden (D)	Dist. 8 - Vera Katz (D)	Circuit Court - Lee Zittenfield
James Durham (R)	Dist. 13 - G. Kafoury (D)	School Board #1
Sect. of State - B. Whipple (D)	Dist. 14 - Gary Hansen (D)	Jonathan Newman
Norma Paulus (R)	Dist. 15 - Jim Chrest (D)	Wally Priestley
State Treasurer - J. Lansing (D)	Dist. 16 - W. Priestley (D)	Mike Verbout
Irvin Mann (R)	Dist. 18 - Cary Jackson (D)	Mayor - Neil Goldschmidt
State Senate	Dist. 22 - Berna Plummer (R)	City Council #4 - C. Jordan
Dist. 7 - S. Kafoury (D)	County Commission	
Dist. 8 - Bill McCoy (D)	Pos. 2 - Harvey Akeson (D)	Ballot Measures:
Dist. 10 - Betty Roberts (D)	Pos. 4 - D. Buchanan (D)	All Yes vote
Dist. 12 - Vern Cook (D)		

Letters to the Editor

Withdraws, favors Hansen

Letter to the Editor:

I withdraw as a candidate for the Legislature District #14 and ask my supporters to vote for Gary Hansen.

For several years the county Democratic Party platform has supported full civil rights protection for those minority groups in society which are sometimes subject to irrational and inhumane discrimination. The incumbent legislator in District #14, Howard Cherry, how-

ever, has failed to support the Democratic platform in its pledge to include sexual orientation as no grounds by itself for discrimination in employment, housing or public accommodations.

Furthermore, I feel Representative Cherry has not shown adequate concern for the very high rate of unemployment which exists in our district.

Because Gary Hansen has a better chance to defeat the incumbent than I do, I am withdrawing from the District

#14 Legislative race and urging my supporters to vote for Gary Hansen as I will.

Thank you District #14 voters. I hope on May 25th you will vote, not for me, but for Gary Hansen.

Sincerely,
James E. (Jim) Harris

They like Willner

To the Editor:

The Black voter no longer allows himself to be fooled by the rose promises made by candidates during election time. Too many of these candidates think that their rose promises serve to prove to minorities their professed liberal beliefs, when later they actually toss them away whenever it suits them.

Black voters are now searching the records and past performances of the candidates and saying, "Hey, don't take us for granted."

This is why this letter is written in support of Don Wilner, candidate for

Attorney General. The Attorney General is the Attorney for all persons who bring complaints under Oregon's Civil Rights Law. Don Wilner's Civil Rights record is more favorable and more prominent than any other candidate in the race.

Wilner has a long record of legal battles to help people. From 1963 to 1964 he was Attorney for the Portland Branch of the NAACP and again has become its Attorney since 1975.

During the 1950's he was also Attorney for Rowan Wiley in the test case in federal court which was the first time the federal civil rights act was used against a government in the state of Oregon.

Wilner served as chairman of the Legislative Interim Committee on Migrant Worker Problems in 1957-59.

As a State Senator in 1963 he was the sponsor of revision and strengthening of Oregon Civil Rights Laws. He wrote much of Oregon's Consumer Protection Legislation from 1963 to 1971.

Since 1974 he has been Attorney for Colegio Cesar Chavez.

With this record we highly support and endorse Don Wilner for Attorney General.

E. Shelton Hill
Herman C. Plummer

Runyon raises cost

To the Editor:

The Oregonian endorsed Senator Bill McCoy for re-election on May 10th. Great.

But The Oregonian made a serious misstatement of fact about his opponent Max Runyon, when it reported that he "gained notice in the area by helping the Bridgeton-Faloma District sewer

project receive state and federal aid."

Exactly the contrary is true.

From 1971 until March of this year, Runyon et al filed at least three law suits at crucial times. The result, although every suit was eventually dismissed, was a delay of at least four years that cost \$1.2 million in increased construction costs and the loss of a \$400,000 HUD construction grant.

While Senator Bill McCoy, Rep. Jim

Chrest and city and state officials were working to reduce the burden on the land owners, Runyon was adding to the cost for the landowners. The only helpful thing he did was to cease his obstructivist tactics this March. His neighbors should not thank him for the additional costly assessments they will now have to pay.

Frank Roberts, State Senator



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