



We see the world
through Black eyes

A leader, for a change

The following statements by Jimmy Carter, the first at his inauguration as Georgia's governor on January 12th, 1977, and the second during his debate of October 22nd, 1976, explain in part why we have endorsed Governor Carter for the Presidency of the United States.

"... I say to you quite frankly that the time for racial discrimination is over... No poor, rural, weak, or Black person should ever again have to bear the burden of being deprived of the opportunity for an education, a job, or simple justice."

"This country changed drastically in 1969 when the terms of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson were over, and Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford became President.

"There was a time when there was hope for those who were poor and down-trodden and were elderly or who were ill or who were in minority groups.

"That time has gone.

"I think the greatest thing that ever happened to the South is the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the opening up of opportunities to Black people, the chance to vote, to hold a job, to buy a house, and to go to school, and to participate in the public affairs. It not only liberated Black people, but it also liberated the whites.

"We have seen in many instances in recent years, a minority affairs section of small loan administration, for business administration, lend a Black entrepreneur just enough money to get started, and then to go bankrupt. The bankruptcies have gone up an extraordinary degree. FHA, which used to be a very responsible agency, and everyone looked to it to help own a home, lost \$600 million last year.

"There have been over 1300 indictments in HUD, over 800 convictions, related just to home loans. And, now the federal government has become the world's greatest slum landlord.

"We have got a 30 per cent or 40 per cent unemployment rate among minorities, young people. And, there has been no concerted effort given to the needs of those who are both poor and Black, or poor and who speak a foreign language. And, that is where there has been a great deal of despair and ill health and the lack of education, lack of purposefulness, and the lack of hope for the future.

"But, it doesn't take just a quiet, dormant, minimum enforcement of the law; it requires an aggressive searching out and reaching out to help people who especially need it, and that has been lacking in the last eight years."

Redden - Attorney General

Jim Redden has proven his administrative capabilities in his superb performance as State Treasurer. His innovative programs have brought greater income on state and local investments than ever before. Redden served three terms in the Oregon Legislature, where he was considered an outstanding leader. He also has served as Judge pro tem, interpreting the laws. He is unquestionably the most qualified candidate for Attorney General.

This office calls for judgement, integrity, compassion and concern - Jim Redden has these qualities.

The Observer endorses Jim Redden for Attorney General.

Lansing - State Treasure

Jewel Lansing is our choice for State Treasurer. A Certified Public Accountant, Mrs. Lansing is currently Auditor of Multnomah County. She has the necessary educational background and experience to understand finance and investment. Her work as County Auditor has been outstanding.

Mrs. Lansing has provided for citizen's participation by appointing a committee to advise her as County Auditor, and will do the same when elected State Treasurer. She has a long-term commitment to Civil Rights.

Vern Cook - Senate # 12

Senator Vern Cook seeks reelection to the State Senate. Cook, who has been in the legislature for 20 years, is Chairman of the Revenue Committee and a member of the Judiciary and Consumer and Business Affairs Committees. He is one of those legislators who is not afraid to take an unpopular stand.

Cook has served his district and the people of Oregon and deserves re-election.

Support new drydock

The Port of Portland needs additional drydock and berthing facilities to keep up with the latest in ship repair. Over the years ships have grown larger. Unless Portland has a drydock that can service these larger ships, shipping companies will look elsewhere.

Portland is in a good position to get repair contracts in the Alaska oil tankers if it has the facilities. Because it is publically owned it can offer lower prices, and it will be the only port on the coast able to do the work.

The Port is important to the economy of the area - it provides jobs. This measure, if passed, will protect these jobs and add more jobs.

Vote yes on Measure 26-15.

Vote nuclear safety

One of the most serious problems facing the nation and the world is the proliferation of nuclear energy plants and the accompanying problems of nuclear accidents and nuclear wastes. We agree with Jimmy Carter that this is a national problem and that strong federal regulations are needed.

In the meantime, the voters of Oregon have the responsibility to take every precaution possible to protect our people and our environment.

Measure 9 is not a ban on nuclear power - it will not bring about a serious electrical energy crisis. All it does is ask for reasonable guarantees that the safety systems in the nuclear reactors will function effectively, that there will be proper safeguards in the disposal of nuclear wastes, and that the owners of nuclear plants will be liable for damages caused by them. The bill requires that the builder of any nuclear power plant prove these safety features to the people by receiving a 2/3 vote of the Oregon Legislature, accepting their safety claims.

Contrary to the claims of the opponents of this measure, there has been no test of the emergency systems and recent court rulings demonstrate that the problems of nuclear waste have not been solved.

There are too many unanswered questions about nuclear fission reactors. Recent research on Hanford employees show twice as many deaths from cancer than among non-employees. Not enough is known about low level radiation and its long range effects. We cannot risk the life and health of our people in a gamble.

One argument frequently used is that a delay in nuclear power production will cause a power crisis and a decline in jobs - especially for minorities, who are the first fired. Economic growth is possible without the current nuclear power reactors. A concerted effort can develop alternate power sources - wind, solar, wave, nuclear fusion (which is cheaper and safer than fission), and others.

The power companies say the nuclear fission reactor is only a stop-gap measure to provide energy until fusion reactors are perfected. It would be criminal if these stop-gap measures were allowed to injure citizens and pollute the environment for generations.

We recommend a Yes vote on Measure No. 9.

Whipple - Sec'y of State

Blaine Whipple is the best choice for Secretary of State.

One of the main functions of this office is the fiscal audit of state agencies and programs. Whipple proposes that the functions and effectiveness be audited in order to strengthen programs that are essential and to weed out those that are ineffective. It is not uncommon that an agency can operate within its budget, with fiscal responsibility, but accomplish little. Whipple would like to see a mandatory termination date for programs, to be renewed only if the program demonstrates a need to continue and some success in its task.

Brummell - Co. Commission

Clyde Brummell opposes Dan Mosee for a seat in the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Brummell has long been active in community service organizations and is of the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) and a delegate to the PACT Neighborhood Coalition. He is a strong supporter of Neighborhood Organizations and would like to see them organized in the county outside of Portland. A general contractor - he is concerned about the cost of homes and of property taxes and the resulting burden on low-income families.

Brummell would be a hardworking, thinking commissioner and an advocate of citizen participation in county government. The Observer recommends his election.



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#3 - YES
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LAST MINUTE REGISTRATIONS

If you fail to register or re-register more than 30 days prior to an election and you are otherwise qualified to vote, you may register and vote by obtaining a Clerk's Certificate. A Clerk's Certificate is obtained by completing a voter registration form and delivering it to the County Elections Registrar. Present the Clerk's Certificate at your precinct on election day. Presentation of the Certificate will entitle you to vote at your designated precinct. The Election Board will write your name in the poll book and this will allow you to vote. Your name will appear in the poll book for the next election at which you are entitled to vote.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may apply for an absentee ballot if:

1. You are a registered voter
2. You live more than 15 miles from your polling place
3. You will be unable for any reason to attend the election
4. You are serving in the Armed Services or Merchant Marines, or temporarily residing outside the US.

You may apply for an absentee ballot by:

1. Submitting an application to the County Registrar
2. The application must include:

- Your signature
- Your address and precinct number if you know it
- Statement explaining your inability to attend the election

You must return the voted absentee ballot to the Registrar by 800 p.m. election day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clark announces positions

To the Editor:

I have announced my strong opposition to Ballot Measure #10 to repeal land-use planning, and my strong support for the Port of Portland's Measure #26-15 for Shipyard and Dry Dock Bonds. My position on these two measures is consistent in protecting and promoting Oregon's economic well-being. Agricultural, forest products, tourism and shipping are Oregon's basic money making industries. We can not "earn our livings by taking in each other's laundry" and these basic industries provide the dollar and job multiplier effects necessary to make Oregon prosper.

Agricultural land, forests, scenic beauty and our natural fresh water port are our greatest physical resources and they must be retained for economic

Measure 54 costs too much

To the Editor:

There's a "pig in the poke" on the city Ballot which I hope Portland residents will recognize for what it is and then vote NO on Measure 54.

Measure 54 directs the city to purchase PP&L's facilities in the city and create a government-owned utility. The "pig in the poke" is what it is going to cost the voter - no where in the measure is there a figure.

If the city were to take over PP&L's system and run it as part of the already overburdened city government, rates would have to rise 64 per cent over what PP&L presently charges if the operation

were to break even. And, if a government-owned utility doesn't break even, it would reach into the consumer's pockets in the form of tax subsidies.

Rates would have to rise 64 per cent for three simple reasons:

1. PP&L's Portland properties would have to be purchased at a cost of \$165 million.

2. It would cost the city an additional \$26 million for the initial expenses of getting into business.

3. Bonneville Power Administration has said it could not assure a low cost hydro power supply which means the city would have to obtain higher cost thermal power at the cost of \$22 million a year.

The economics just aren't with us today for forming a government-owned utility. In addition to the higher rates, the community would lose the \$2.4 million annually that PP&L pays in taxes and fees - \$2.4 million that would have to be made up most likely by the taxpayers.

But, most of all, Portlanders would lose a tradition of good electric service - and dedicated people who contribute of time and self to the community. For all of these reasons, we urge Portland voters to vote NO on Measure 54.

Sincerely,
Warne Nuan
Portland District Manager
Pacific Power & Light Company

Commissioner explains position

To the Editor:

In response to your editorial of October 7th regarding the Port of Portland Commission action on the federal Public Works Employment Act, I would like to clarify my own position on this issue.

I am sure you are aware that the Commission did not turn down an offer of federal money. By our action, we decided not to apply for a portion of the \$36 million set aside for Oregon under the Act. That determination did not affect the total amount of funds available to agencies in this area. The City of

Portland has applied for \$13 million in projects, Multnomah County \$4.5 million and Portland School District No. 1 \$7.3 million. Projects approved under these applications should more than give Portland its fair share of the Public Works Act funding and the jobs to be created to construct those projects. Certainly no jobs will be lost.

I voted against a Port application for federal funding out of a feeling that the local governments and school districts were in a more critical need at this time - schools need repair and remodeling; local government services such as public

reasons; that means sound planning and port expansion.

If urge a "no" vote on Statewide Ballot Measure 10 and a "yes" vote on #26-15, which will be on the ballots in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Clark, Chairman
Multnomah County
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