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## Program honors role of South African women

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Remember all our women in the jails  
Remember all our women in campaigns  
Remember all our women over many fighting years  
Remember all our women for their triumphs, and for their tears.

The above refrain is taken from the South African Women's Day Song and it says a lot about the struggle in South Africa in general, and the role of women in particular. It is unfortunate that the role of women always seems to be either belittled or ignored altogether every time someone talks or writes about South Africa. A closer look at South Africa's everyday life would reveal that they are very much a part of the resistance to apartheid.

One of the most odious manifestations of the practice of apartheid is the issue of the pass laws as they affect Black males in South Africa. Every adult male, sixteen and older is required to carry a pass, which is like a passport and which bears his name, address, photo, place of origin and where he works. Failure to produce such a pass on demand (any police officer can stop any Black man at any time) leads to arrest. 70,000 such arrests were made in 1968 alone and today, the rate is from 1,000 to 3,000 every day. So, passes effectively control the movement of all Blacks and the moment you lose your job, you have 72 hours to get out of town — to the "homelands."

The government has, since the 1950s, extended the pass laws to women also, triggering some very spirited opposition. My, did the women fight! As far back as 1913, they had marched and burned passbooks. On August 9, 1955, 2,000 women marched in Pretoria, the capital. The following year, August 9, 1956, 20,000 women from all over the country conducted one of the biggest demonstrations South Africa has ever seen. In fear, the government banned all processions that day, but the women were not to be thwarted. They merely broke up into groups of twos and threes and proceeded to march to their destination until, finally, their 20,000 voices rose as one in protest. Since that day, August 9th has been designated South African Women's Day.

This August 9th, Portland will join in a celebration of this all important day. It is extremely important that people get together on this day and make a contribution to the growing movement against apartheid. In addition to nursing the wounded, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, comforting the bereaved,

feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and supporting the movement the women also take part in organizational work, the actual demonstrations and even the armed conflict. They participate in every facet of the struggle.

Looking closer to home, we notice the crucial role played by women in the various struggles in this country all the way from slave days. It was the women who, on most cases bore the brunt of the countless battles. It was the women who kept a semblance of family life going and Harriet Tubman was only one shining example of the many contributions women made in the fight for freedom. With that in mind, it should be easy to see just how important the role of women is in South Africa. Even today, too, in all our

communities, most of our organizations' women play a vital role.

The program, to be held at the King Neighborhood Facility Cafetorium on Wednesday, August 9th from 7:30-9:30 p.m. will consist of a speaker, a slide show, a film, music, poetry reading from Zindzi Mandela's new book 'black as i am' and refreshments. Admission is free. Childcare will be provided.

The following groups are sponsoring this very important day: American Friends Service Committee, Black Women's Rap Group and Portland Citizens Against Racism.

So, come join in paying tribute to these gallant fighters without whose participation our struggle would never have gotten off the ground.

## Rhodesia's pseudo-settlement

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Smith had hoped that by bringing in Muzorewa, who, until March 2, 1978, was the most popular leader in Zimbabwe, he would be able to sell his pseudo-settlement to the Zimbabwe masses. What he overlooked was that Zimbabweans have always been "notorious" for following a "leadership" rather than a "leader". As long as Muzorewa was voicing the wishes of the people, they followed him; the moment he signed that agreement, he also committed political suicide.

The only solution to the Rhodesia headache would be another round table conference to which all parties would participate. Then they would thrash out the problems that the "Salisbury Agreement" did not address, such as the Land Tenure Act, parliamentary representation, composition of the armed forces, the judiciary, and the civil service. Until such a time as all these issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the majority of the Zimbabweans, the chances for peace will remain near zilch.

## Community corrections

(Continued from Page 1 Column 3) court rather than arrest; that there be available 24 hours a day the capacity to evaluate and release those who are arrested; and that at the jail there be screening for alcohol, emotional and drug problems and diversions for those in these categories that should go to other institutions or programs.

The program will include a Central Referral Program that will coordinate criminal justice agencies and community services to do everything possible to keep the arrested out of jail pending trial. This program will work with the client until he leaves the criminal justice system including pre-sentence evaluation; find alternatives to confinement; provide job training, job placement, alcohol, drug treatment, counseling, etc.

Many of the services will be provided through contracts with private agencies.

The Community Corrections Advisory Committee, which began its work in March, will continue to function in an advisory and monitoring role. The Committee expressed its concern that there is only one minority member, Shirley Hamilton (Dr. Lee Brown was a member until he left Oregon) on the 36 member committee and asked that additional minority members be appointed.

## Crowell seeks board position

Evie Crowell has announced that she is a candidate for appointment to the Portland School Board for the position to be vacated by Gladys McCoy on September 11th.

Ms. Crowell, a faculty member at Portland State University, was raised in Portland. A resident of Northeast Portland, she was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination to Legislative District No. 16.

"I have spent many years in a voluntary capacity helping minority and indigent students obtain adequate education. For two years I served as Secretary/Treasurer and chairperson of the student screening committee for the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund of Oregon. I am presently a board member emeritus," stated Ms. Crowell. "Education at every level should be a vital concern to all citizens. It is the only way to maintain a healthy, democratic society."

Ms. Crowell's community activities include Urban League and Guild, Oregon Assembly of Black Affairs, and Oregon Fair Share. She is a board member of the YWCA and Northwest Oregon Health Systems.

The School Board is seeking applicants for the position, which must be filed with board secretary Lori Cargill by August 14th.

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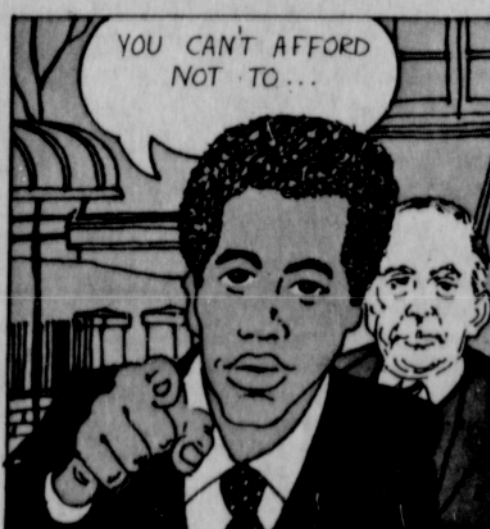
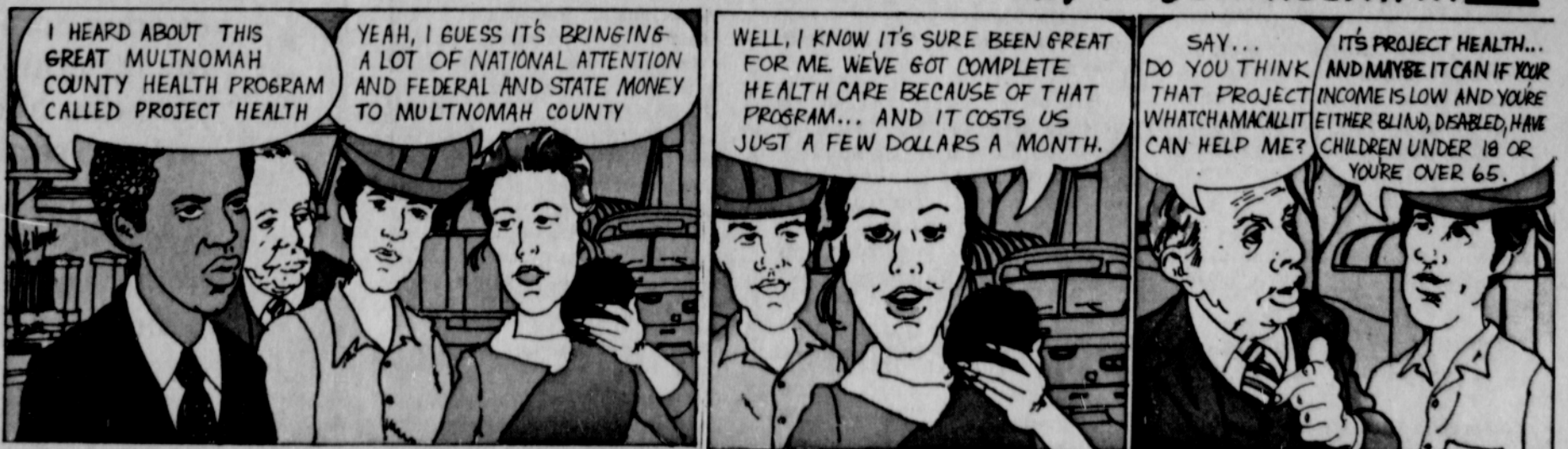
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