

Community protests

School Board committee selects appointment favorites

A committee of three members of the Portland School Board — Frank McNamara, Beverly York, and Phyllis Weiner — have selected three nominees for appointment to the vacancy on the Board created by Gladys McCoy's resignation.

The persons selected were: Evie Crowell, librarian at Portland State University and unsuccessful opponent of School Board member Wally Priestley in the primary legislative district race; Father William Wetzel, Pastor of St. Philips Episcopal Church; and Attorney Dean Gisvold, resident of Irvington and active in community and school affairs.

The deadline for application was

Monday at 5:00 p.m.; the fifteen candidates were interviewed Tuesday; before 6:00 Tuesday evening the decision had been made.

Reaction of the Black community was one of dismay and anger. The rumor has been circulating in the community for several weeks that Evie Crowell, the candidate of Gladys McCoy, has been selected. "There was no time for the Black community to react. We didn't even know who was running. We know they don't care what we think but I thought they would go through the motions," one Black school district employee said.

"I think this is indicative of the disregard which is generally paid our

community by the Board of Education," Herb Cawthorne said. "Immediately following the closing date for applications finalists were selected. There was no concern for finding out what members of the community thought, who they would support and who could best represent the interests of the Black community as well as the general Portland community. In fact, this action by the Board may prove to be the one that makes the election in April of a strong Black candidate possible."

"I am concerned about the procedure," Lillie Walker, chairman of the Committee for Equal Education for all Children, said.

"Interviewing the candidates the day after the application period closed didn't give time to be thorough and I don't think it was fair to the candidates."

A series of meetings involving a broad representation of organizations and individuals was held, in which persons interested in applying for the School Board position were interviewed. A consensus of opinion from the group, which then organized as the "Committee for Responsive Leadership," was that Darrell Millner was the person who could best serve the Portland community as a School Board member, who was involved with and could represent Black interests, and who

had the independence to make valid decisions and judgements.

This group met Tuesday evening to renew their support of Millner and to seek to have his name added to the list of three nominees. A name can

A coffee hour for Darrell Millner, candidate for appointment to the Portland School Board will be held at King Neighborhood Facility at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17th. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge.

be added at the request of the individual and with the vote of three School Board members. Millner has indicated that he will continue to seek the appointment.

Candidates filing for the position were: Evie Crowell, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, PSU; Angie Richardson, Community Health Nurse; Steve Buel, Teacher; Darrell Millner, Associate Professor, PSU; Marge Bolf, Newspaper employee; Elizabeth Joseph, Homemaker; Ben Padrow, Professor, PSU; Grant Reilly, Retired; Carol Kyle, Law Clerk; Edward Lyle, Officer Manager Burnside Community Council; Floreid Ambers, Community Health Nurse; Eleanor Smith, Absentee Election Board, Multnomah County; Robert Boyer, Terminal Employee; Father William Wetzel, Priest; and Dean Gisvold, Attorney.

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Nikki Blackburn, student aide at Humboldt Latch Key program, plays chess with Tiffany Mitchell, Allan Herold, Danielle Knapper and Tani Rhodes. (Photo: Al Williams)

The YWCA Latch Key programs are accepting applications for before and after school day care. The Humboldt Center children pictured above are representative of

those served by centers at Richmond, Buckman, Sabin, Kennedy, Vernon, Irvington, King and Merle Davis School in Beaverton.

Latch Key programs are open to children from four to fourteen who need child care. A wide variety of activities are offered. For information call 223-9622.

City fires CETA employees

The Portland City Council has been considering a review of CETA-funded Public Service Employment Jobs since June and had limited authorization of funding for CETA positions to September 15th, says Joseph Gonzales, Director of Training and Employment for the Bureau of Human Resources Public Service Employment Division.

According to Gonzales, all 448 positions affected by the September 15th termination notice, will be reviewed by the Council in an informal session August 22nd to decide whether positions are justified or a substitution for other city positions. The Council, he said, is also concerned about overages, a general fund supplement to CETA salaries which allow participants to earn over the CETA maximum of \$4.80 an hour.

"In light of that," says Gonzales, "The Council will consider funding all, some or none of the positions."

"The termination letter resulted," he said of the notification to PSE CETA Title II and VI employees, "because the Council said that if positions were to be terminated for reasons not due to performance, we had to give them thirty days notice." Because the review is slated for August 22nd and no one knows who will and who will not survive the review, "we had to tell everybody they were terminated," Gonzales told the *Observer*.

Appointed to his position in June, Gonzales said that the review is not a result of any charges or abuse of CETA funds by Federal investigative agencies. Though "a number of investigative teams from the Depart-

ment of Labor" looked at a number of Affirmative Action complaints against the Bureau, "no one talked of mismanagement."

Ballot Measure #6 (Proposition 13) as well as the Councils "General management concerns" are at the root of the review, Gonzales explained because CETA matching funds and averages depend on property tax revenues.

Since the passage of California's tax limitation measure and the introduction and acceptance of Oregon's version on the November Ballot the City Council has been authorizing CETA positions to extend only to September 15th, said Gonzales, who added that some ordinances for positions have been rewritten to indicate that September 15th limit.

City CETA employees oppose lay-off

by Joe Williams

Abubakar N.A. Bankole and Curtis Cantue refuse to take the impending termination of their CETA positions lying down. Bankole and Cantue, CETA Park Bureau employees, have organized the Committee of CETA Employees Interested in Keeping their Jobs (CEIK-JOBS). As a result of the termination of all City CETA employees as of September 15th, which was announced by Training and Employment Director Joseph Gonzales last week. CEIK-JOBS is planning a peaceful demonstration at City Hall on August 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, during the City Council review of all City CETA positions in

order to make final cuts in the City's temporary, Federally-funded labor force.

"We're not coming out for some mutually agreed upon political ideology or anything," says Bankole, "and... we're not trying to create a 'movement.' We just want to keep our jobs."

Bankole and Cantue organized CEIK-JOBS last Friday after having received termination notices like some 450 other CETA employees, in the mail on Thursday.

"I know people want and need their jobs... they want to eat — and have a few things people are entitled

to in life," says Bankole, "like a roof over their heads."

The Committee is also soliciting support from churches, agencies, community organizations who "see the need" for many previously unemployed and, sometimes, unemployable persons to maintain their grasp on temporary livelihood.

"We are asking that people write letters in support of CETA employees to the Council," he said, "and I'm hoping CETA employees themselves will see that unless they do come together, speak out and say 'we need our jobs,' the City Council is just going to cut them out, and cut out their basic survival needs."



Cece Kisinger, RN, a Multnomah County Community Health Nurse, gives Goro Nakajima the vaccinations she needs for a healthy school year.

School vaccinations available

No shots! No school! is the phrase that the Oregon State Health Division has been repeating a lot lately. A new state law requires that all children five to fourteen years of age entering school for the first time must be fully immunized.

To help these youngsters get their needed shots Multnomah County, Department of Human Services is holding special immunization clinics.

The law requires that children should have immunizations against polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. Mumps vaccine is recommended but not required. Exceptions are granted for children because of medical reasons or religious objections to immunizations.

Cost for immunizations is based on a sliding fee scale. However, no one will be turned away.

Immunization clinics in Mult-

nomah County, North Portland, 8912 N. Woolsey, fourth Thursday of every month, 1:30-4:00 p.m.; J.K. Gill Building, third floor, 426 S.W. Stark, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Clinic Times: North Portland, 8912 N. Woolsey Avenue, Thursday, August 24th, 1:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 28th, 1:30-7:30 p.m.

For the Northeast area: Multi-Service Center, 5022 N. Vancouver, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Also Wednesday 1:00-7:30 p.m.

Special Clinic Times: Multi-Service Center, 5022 N. Vancouver, Wednesday, August 30th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Indo-Chinese Cultural Center, 4113 N.E. Broadway, Monday, August 28th, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Apartheid: Nazism revisited

by N. Fungai Kumbula

In Skokie, Illinois, a raging battle was waged between the mostly Jewish residents and the city over the proposed march by the Nazis. In a country where freedom of assembly is constitutionally guaranteed, this becomes a very sticky issue but, equally understandable is the residents' apprehension over Nazis marching through their neighborhood.

The above example is cited to drive home the point that when it comes to Nazism, very few people will argue the fact that it is an evil system that ought to be wiped out once and for all. When it comes to apartheid, however, either a double standard applies or people generally refuse to see the connection even though it is as clear as day. A few examples should suffice to bring out these disturbing similarities.

Apartheid is modeled after Nazism. Each uses race as a basis for discrimination and oppression of man by man. The current South African dictator, Johannes Vorster was jailed by the British during World War II for publicly expressing his admiration of Hitler. He is also credited with making the following statement quoted in 'South Africa: Workers under Apartheid': "I stand for Christian Socialism, which is an ally of National Socialism. You can call this anti-democratic principle dictatorship if you wish. In Italy, it is called Fascism, in Germany, National Socialism and in South Africa, Christian Socialism."

The power behind the Nazis was the dreaded Secret Police, the Gestapo. The apartheid version of the Gestapo is the Broederbond ("Brotherhood"), a super secret organization answerable to no-one.

Analysis

In addition, the police force and the army are, to all intents and purposes, above the law. They can do just about anything to the Blacks and anybody that is opposed to apartheid with impunity. The only way that the 85% of the population has been subdued for so long is by holding a gun to their heads and killing, imprisoning, "banning" or exiling all opponents — the Steve Bikos, and Winnie Mandelas, the Robert Sobukwes and so on.

The only difference I can see between apartheid and Nazism is that, whereas the main victims of Nazism were the Jews, the victims of apartheid are, for the most part, Blacks. Blacks are regarded as "outsiders" in the land of their own birth as the following statements from various apartheidists will attest: "The Bantu are present for the sake of their labour. They are not here in a permanent capacity to acquire, but you and I can acquire." M.C. Botha, Minister of Bantu Administration in Parliament, quoted in "Partners in Apartheid." "We have run this country on cheap labour, underpaid our staff and kept them labour force

without power to handle their own affairs and to negotiate for higher wages," R. Ackerman, a white South African marketing manager. Neil Waites, a prominent building

contractor, invited to do business in South Africa, declined with the following statement: "The parallel between Hitler's treatment of the Jews and South Africa's treatment of the Blacks became daily more obvious to me in the course of my visit and was brought home more vividly to me when I saw Blacks being literally herded like cattle through the Bantu Administration Courts. Just as I think with hindsight that it would have been totally wrong to do anything to connive at Nazism, so also do I think we should do nothing that would help to perpetuate apartheid."

Everybody knows that without the billions of dollars provided by Western investors, apartheid would not last too long. Vorster is quoted as saying: "Every time a South African product is bought, it is another brick in the wall of our continued existence." (The Star, Johannesburg, 8/26/72) and a Professor Steenkamp at the University of South Africa: "We have learnt that our large international economic relationships are our best shield in a world that has chosen us as scapegoats."

More than anything else, these statements repudiate any claims by corporations that they are not propping up the apartheid regime. They

also repudiate any claims that they can be a force for change. The usual rationalization has been that by adhering to the so-called Sullivan Principles, and thus offering Blacks higher wages and promotion, apartheid would, of necessity, crumble away.

This is a hollow argument because these Principles are rejected by virtually all of South Africa's Blacks because, first of all, they pledge to work within the existing system of apartheid. We have maintained all along that the whole system has got to go. Mere adoption of the Sullivan Principles still leaves us virtual foreigners in our own country, it still recognizes the abhorrent Bantustan policy, it forces us to give up our rightful claim to our share of the South African pie, it still subjects us to the humiliating pass laws and (Please turn to Page 2 Column 1)

NAACP holds reception

The Portland Branch NAACP, will hold a post-convention reception to thank those who worked to plan and promote the National Convention held in Portland July 3rd through 7th, and to discuss the effects of the convention in Portland.

The reception will be held on August 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Rooms 1075 and 1077, Emanuel Hospital East. Reverend John Jackson, Branch President, invites members, volunteers and the public to attend.