

# Vern Cook seeks US Senate seat

"Equality" is the corner stone of State Senator Vern Cook's political philosophy — a philosophy that has served him well in twenty-two years in the Oregon Legislature. His belief in equality includes not only attention to those who are victimized by racial discrimination and poverty, but permeates his opinions on taxation, government, and public services.

A native of Kansas, Cook's family moved to Colorado when he was five and to Oregon when he was eleven. He earned a BA degree from Reed College and a law degree from the University of Oregon Law School.

Admitted to the Oregon Bar in 1952, he served as city judge in Gresham and was city attorney for Troutdale. He is currently in private practice. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1956, serving two terms, and was elected to the State Senate in 1960, where he is serving his fifth four-year term.

Cook supports equality of opportunity in all areas. "I oppose discrimination of any kind and believe that if a person has been the object of discrimination it is the responsibility of government to do whatever is necessary to make up for that discrimination."

He supports Affirmative Action as a method of redress of wrongs committed against the individual.

"Affirmative Action should consist of righting existing wrongs to existing individuals and the prevention of further discriminatory practices in admissions or contractual arrangements. It should not make any difference who ones' great grandparents were or what they did — good or bad.

"To the extent that poverty prevents one from exercising a constitutional right, public funding should be provided to exercise that right, if one's very physical being or condition is involved. This applies equally to the right to counsel when



State Senator Vern Cook, candidate for the U.S. School student. Senate, discusses practical politics with North Salem High

accused of a crime or the right to an abortion if one is medically indigent.

"Civil rights are personal. They should not be dependent upon someone else's whim or caprice."

Cook will support the newly reorganized Equal Employment Opportunities Commission with stronger laws or larger budgets if necessary. "Protection of the individual is a responsibility of government and whatever resources are needed should be provided."

Cook also supports equal rights for women, publicly owned power districts, a national health plan, the right to abortion.

One of Senator Cook's major concerns is the cost and quality of health care. He believes that the control of the health care industry which insures a shortage of doctors and high costs should be brought to an end by admitting all students who apply and who meet reasonable requirements to medical school. "This would not only bring about an adequate number of doctors but would open the doors to minorities and women who are now largely rejected."

Although Cook's candidacy for the U.S. Senate has not been given much press attention, it has been

taken seriously by the incumbent. Mark Hatfield, who has raised a campaign chest of \$259,797 as compared to Cook's \$22,810.

"I think this race is significant as a demonstration that it is fast becoming impossible for a person who does not have \$250,000 to run against an incumbent. The election process is being destroyed when an incumbent can receive that much money from the large corporations, many of them from out of state.

"Considering who gives the money to run a high cost media campaign, how do you think the candidate will vote?"

*I shall ask for the abolition of the punishment of death until I have the infallibility of human judgment demonstrated to me.*

Thomas Jefferson

## Racism root of Zimbabwe war

(Continued from Page 1 Column 6) six years of fighting, Smith's better equipped and "better trained" army

has failed to defeat the guerrillas. Also, that that same army could be militarily defeated is now no longer

inconceivable. So thoroughly have the guerrillas eroded Smith's authority (control) that outside experts publicly acknowledge that it's only a matter of time before the regime collapses.

In desperation, Smith has held countless meetings with various African nationalists, signed an internal "agreement," come to the U.S. to plead his case, made cross border raids into Zambia and Mozambique and still, the independence tide sweeps on. Faced with this bleak prospect, what are those same whites that have been fleeing independence for so long and who had claimed they had nowhere else to run to doing now? The statistics just released show that they are now fleeing Rhodesia too.

Last month's immigration figure of 1,490 was the largest single month's loss since Smith declared Rhodesia "independent" thirteen years ago come November 11th. Another 1,245 left in August and 1,024 in September 1977. In 1971, before the guerrilla campaign got underway (at least visibly), there was a net gain of 9,407. It was then truly a white man's paradise. Two years later, with the conflict rapidly picking up momentum, the figure was down to 1,978 — an 800% reduction! And, since that year, Rhodesia has recorded successive declines culminating in the first three quarters of this year when the net loss stood at 7,522.

With a total white population variously estimated at anywhere from 230,000 to 260,000 depending on who is doing the estimating, a loss of 10,000 persons per year (if the trend continues) is quite substantial. I am often asked what we are going to do with the whites when we take over Zimbabwe. Now I can answer that we probably won't have to do anything because by the time the guerrillas reach Harare (Salisbury), there probably won't be a white person left except for the foreign journalists!

They are reportedly fleeing to such places as Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Paraguay and, yes, you guessed it, the U.S.A., particularly the South (birds of a feather?) and Southern California. To the brothers and sisters in this country, I can only say, Look out. Here comes trouble with a capital T. The racial picture has been bad enough lately but, it's about to cloud even more with the arrival of these, the latest "immigrants."

*"Persons with dreams of upward mobility cannot serve the common people — and when elected to office make opportunistic politicians, not public servants."*

State Representative Wally Priestley  
Member, Portland Public School Board

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The equipment that Portland would need to fluoridate is not expensive. It would cost each of us only a few cents a year. Just think! For so little, we can go a long way toward wiping out tooth decay.

**Why All The Controversy?**

Every public health measure has always stirred up controversy. People were against polio vaccine. And pasteurization. Yet if they stopped pasteurizing milk, you'd be up in arms! Making our children do without the fluoride they need is just as bad.

Look, we've been bombarded with a lot of statements about fluoride—some warped, some confusing, some outright lies. If you have any doubts, consult your dentist or your physician.

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**VOTE YES ON #51**

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