

# EDITORIAL/OPINION

## Turkey

Governor Aoyeh's participation in McMinnville's turkey "eat in" was in poor taste and is a flagrant disrespect for the health concerns of Oregon citizens.

Thousands of turkeys grown in Oregon were removed from the market after they were found to be contaminated. Thousands of others might have been eaten by unsuspecting consumers. Through no fault of the farmers who raise the turkeys, they were fed contaminated feed. In recent weeks reports of discovery of PCB in food throughout the Northwest has brought concern to citizens and to health agencies.

There is no doubt that this is a severe blow to the turkey growers, who are dependent on the sale of their turkeys for their income, and for the areas of the State where poultry is a major industry. Federal and state aid should be provided, as necessary, to assist those farmers and businesses involved to recover their financial losses.

Some people of McMinnville, fearing the

economic impact that fear of purchasing turkeys could bring to their community, staged an "eat in", demonstrating their lack of fear of the deadly chemical.

In an apparent attempt to reassure the people of McMinnville of his interest in their plight, the Governor joined in the revelry.

In so doing, the Governor flouted the valid concerns for the health and safety of Oregonians in what could be considered as a slap in the face of those who are legitimately concerned. The use of herbicides and pesticides in Oregon is a serious problem. Evidence demonstrates their link to cancer and other diseases as well as to miscarriages and birth defects. On the other hand, they are a necessity or a convenience to some forms of agriculture and industry.

The overriding question seems to be whether economic or health concerns will prevail. Governor Aoyeh's "eat in" indicates an inside track for the economic interests.

## Jordan seeks information on police abuse

Commissioner Charles Jordan is holding a meeting with invited members of the community next week to discuss the recent rash of complaints of police abuse.

This meeting is an expression of Jordan's concern and an effort to obtain factual, provable information. In the past, Jordan says, the witnesses, the facts and the proof have often vanished before action can be taken.

Jordan's concern is sincere. Those persons who have information should come forward — even those who feel they have been rebuffed or ignored in the past. The Commissioner says all charges will be vigorously investigated.

Take some time to call or write your police complaints, even if the incidents are not recent.

Finding and disciplining offending police officers is difficult, especially when their fellow of-

ficers protect them. Only detailed information, corroborative evidence and repeated complaints will bring the desired results.

## Black voters elect mayor

The election of Black city councilman Richard Arrington to the office of Mayor of Birmingham demonstrates what a united electorate can do.

Arrington received 51 per cent of the vote, with nearly all of the Black voters and many white voters supporting him. A high Black voter turnout insured his victory.

Conflict over a police killing of a young Black woman brought enough anger and initiative to produce a good vote and a new Black mayor.



## Rhodesia: The conference plods on

By N. Furqa Kamitila

After seven weeks of "tough" negotiations, the Rhodesian conference being held in London plods on. There have been a number of "breakthroughs" that did not seem possible a few weeks back but the whole thing is far from being fully resolved. Both sides, the Patriotic Front and the Smith-Muzorewa clique have made a number of concessions they initially had vowed never to make.

At the outset, the Patriotic Front had adamantly refused to even consider the reserved seats for the whites constituting the whole issue as "toast." Under pressure from the front line states who would like the seven year war to end, the PF has softened its position and accepted the reserved seats "for now." For their part, Muzorewa and Smith have agreed to the removal of the whites "from power," something they had refused even to negotiate. Both sides have therefore accepted the constitution presented by Britain as the basis for new elections.

No sooner was that hurdle sur-

mounted that it was succeeded by another not so easy to dispose of. This was the makeup of the transitional government. Muzorewa had insisted he would head the transitional administration and the PF had responded "no way!" The PF for its part had demanded it be included in any transitional government and Smith-Muzorewa said "no way!" The British had proposed they appoint an administrator and both conferences rejected the British offer.

This week some sort of a compromise was reached when both the PF and the Muzorewa regime tentatively accepted the British idea of an administrator appointed by Britain. The acceptance was only tentative on the part of the PF because they objected to the plan whereby this administrator was going to use the current Rhodesian army to police the elections and "maintain law and order during the transitional period." The PF is insisting that elements of its own guerrilla forces be incorporated into the army and for now both Britain and Muzorewa are objecting very

strongly.

Whether this latest obstacle will be resolved is anyone's guess. It does appear though that all sides are anxious for a settlement. Almost everybody agrees that this may be the last chance for a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia. Again, for now all we can do is wait and see.

Another sore point, over the issue of land which had caused a near breakdown in the whole conference was finally resolved when it was agreed that Britain, the U.S. and the European Economic Community would bear the financial responsibility for the "compensation" to be paid to whites for the "loss of their land". Under a new majority government, there would be a redistribution of land which would mean taking away from some whites who currently have virtually all the land and giving to some of the landless Africans. The original British plan had been for the new government of Zimbabwe to assume this responsibility but the PF said, "NO!" So for now that burden has been shifted to the American and European taxpayers.

## LUTHER



By Brumic Brandon, Jr.

## Desegregation

(Continued from page 1 col. 4) ineligible for Title VII money or the district's actions to obtain a waiver and receive funding.

Clements told the committee members present at the Board meeting that his office was in error in not including the committee in the planning, but blamed the pressure of time. Since the Board meeting he has met with members of the committee to seek their approval.

The Desegregation/Integration committee of the Board also determined to include the Title VII more fully in their deliberations.

## CODA

(Continued from page 1 col. 4) MONEY GOT? It seems that the community seed and the CODA agency may not be a good match. Our need for an appropriate drug treatment program will not go away as long as drugs are pushed, so, maybe we need to apply on our own for funds to be administered by an entity which the community respects and controls, from the word "go."

If the CODA Board of Directors cannot hold its own director accountable, maybe the county can. If the county won't do it, maybe the state can. If the state won't do it, maybe the feds will. Somewhere, there is an agency which controls the funds that must be made to investigate and evaluate the program, or the lack of a program by CODA. Somehow, the staff of CODA must be brought to heel and made to account for the utter contempt they display toward Portland communities, and use of public funds for phantom programs. Must we take the matter to court? Have all administrative controls failed? How many racials must be thrown out? Is Robert Duncan or Aoyeh aware of this mess, in the same of mental health? What will it take?

A national conference on "Changing Values: Teenage Women in the Juvenile Justice System" will be held at the Sheraton-Lloyd Center on November 2nd and 3rd.

In Oregon, juvenile girls are twice as likely to be detained for a "status offense" (offenses that would not be illegal for adults, for example running away or truancy) than boys and girls are more apt to receive harsher penalties.

The conference will bring national experts to discuss the relationship of young women to the law and the juvenile justice system.



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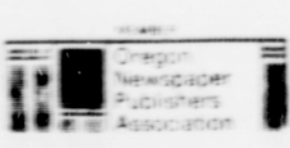
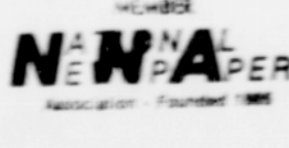
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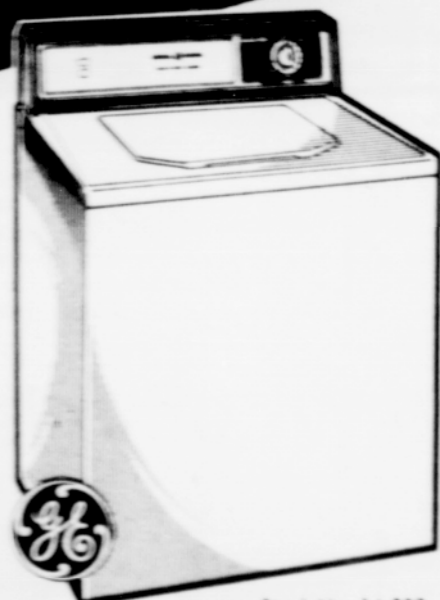
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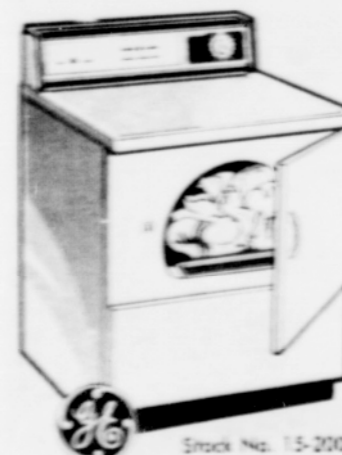
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