

# Detroit votes on nationalization

Action by Detroit's City Council made it official: the city of Detroit will be the first in the nation to vote on a people's takeover of the oil industry, in the August 5th primary elections here. The council voted five to three to place the following advisory question on the ballot: "We call for the oil industry to be owned and operated by the people and not by private industry."

Their action culminated a petition drive by the People's Energy Committee (PEC) which gathered 11,300 signatures of registered voters over the last four months.

Jerry Goldberg, a laid-off auto worker and spokesperson for the PEC, said today, "For the first time in this country people will be able to express their feelings against the oil monopolies in a popular vote. Detroiters are leading this movement because they are fed up with the massive layoffs in auto and skyrocketing gasoline and energy prices which have resulted directly from the phony shortages, profiteering, and illegal price gouging by the oil monopolies. Many of the petition signatures collected by the People's Energy Committee were obtained at Detroit's packed unemployment centers. Throughout the city, supermarkets and shopping centers, in churches and union halls, the response to the petition drive has been electric: at the mention of ac-

tion against the big oil companies, people grabbed the petition boards out of the campaigner's hands."

The nationwide campaign for a referendum on a people's takeover of oil was launched last October 17th at the National Day of Protest Against Big Oil actions across the country. In Detroit, the Peoples Energy Committee, a grass-roots community organization, was formed to get the question on the ballot here. The PEC campaign has been endorsed by Operation PUSH, the P.E.O.P.L.E. Committee of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (Region 1, Council 25), Nellie Cuellar of the National Caucus on Black Aging and the Grey Panthers, and many union, community, and political leaders from the Detroit area.

The proposal for a people's takeover of the oil industry demands that Congress divest the oil companies of all ownership and invest ownership instead in the people of the United States. The oil, gas, and energy industry should be run by popular committees, composed of direct representatives of all interested parties -- trade unions, community groups, the elderly, minorities, women, the disabled, etc.

While the oil monopolies are very rich and will spend a great deal of

money to defeat this ballot initiative, the People's Energy Committee pledges to continue to rally community support behind its proposal.

Goldberg also stated, "This vote in Detroit should serve as a spur to working and poor people across the country to organize to actually takeover the oil industry. We must operate our basic energy resources on the basis of people's needs, not for the profits of a handful of oil billionaires. That is the people's answer to the energy crisis."



Foursome of bridge players concentrate on a possible slam: Jewell Johns, Leland Williams, Lois Sayles, and Lois McDaniel.

## Bridge players organize

The Portland Unit of the American Bridge Association was organized October 1, 1979. Officers are: Charles Rawlins, Chairman; Lolita Darby, Co-Chairman; Ted Parker, Secretary/Chairman; Johnnie Williams, Sr., Director of Play; Arthur Shephard, Parliamentarian. Members of the Board include the presidents of the affiliated clubs - the Pace Setters, Club Finesse, and the Challengers bridge clubs.

"Open Club" will consist of the above member clubs, but will host all "unit play" for Master Points at Bourbon Street Lounge, 1530 NE Grand Avenue every second and fourth Tuesday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The public is invited to participate and learn more about the association and its members.

Chairman of the Portland Unit of the American Bridge Association is Charles Rawlins (left).

(Photos: Richard J. Brown)



## Syracuse ordered to hire Blacks

The Department of Justice has obtained a consent decree requiring the city of Syracuse, New York, to hire more Blacks and women as police officers and more Blacks as fire fighters.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the decree was filed in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York, resolving an employment discrimination suit filed by the Justice Department on January 16, 1980.

The suit charged the city and state agencies with violating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the revenue-sharing and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration - funding statutes by limiting police and fire jobs for Blacks and women.

The suit said the city had 10

Blacks and 10 women among its 461 police officers and four Blacks and no women among its 478 fire fighters.

The consent decree requires the city to seek to fill 25 percent of police and fire vacancies with qualified Blacks until their ratio equals the racial composition of the city's labor force.

The decree also requires the city to seek to fill 20 percent of police officers vacancies with women. No hiring goal for women was established for the fire department, although the decree prohibits dis-

crimination against women in hiring practices.

Assistant Attorney General Drew S. Days, III, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, said the decree will be monitored to determine the interest of women in applying for fire fighter jobs, their success in obtaining jobs, and to assure compliance with other provisions.

The New York State Civil Service Commission is required to certify a sufficient number of qualified Blacks and women to the city to allow the city to meet the goals.

## McGuire completes training

San Antonio, Texas -- Airman David E. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney L. McGuire has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force Basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, here, the airman studied the Air Force Mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who completed basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Airman McGuire is a 1979 graduate of Benson Polytechnic High School, Portland.

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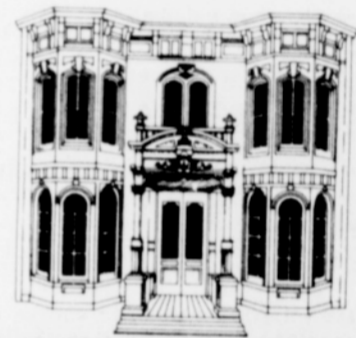
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