

EDITORIAL/OPINION

□ Jimmy Carter - President

Jimmy Carter is the only choice for President. Unfortunately, a vote for a third or fourth party candidate is a vote for Ronald Reagan. The race is between Carter and Reagan.

Carter has been a disappointment in many ways. He has not been able to produce the programs promised in his last campaign -- the Humphrey-Hawkins full employment plan, national health care, revitalization of the cities. He has instituted draft registration, has failed to negotiate Salt II and has strengthened the CIA.

But he has recognized the importance of Africa and has taken first steps to form relationships with African nations; he held firm on the Rhodesia boycott in the face of strong opposition. He has resisted the temptation to take overt action against the revolutionary governments and liberation movements of South America and the Caribbean.

Carter has appointed far more Blacks and other minority people to positions of leadership, including federal judgeships. Under his direction the Department of Justice has vigorously enforced the hiring of minorities and women in police departments across the nation. The Department of Labor, with Secretary Ray Marshall, has removed federal funds from some of the nation's largest corporations for their failure to hire and promote minorities and women.

The next president will determine the quality of life in the US for years to come. He will appoint three or four Supreme Court Justices who will serve for thirty years or more; he will have to make the choice between peace or war; he will determine how limited resources will be distributed in the coming economic crisis.

Better these decisions be made by one who at least gives lip service to "human rights".

□ Ted Kulongoski - U.S. Senate

Ted Kulongoski is opposing Bob Packwood for US Senator from Oregon. A member of the Oregon Legislature since 1974, Kulongoski's record demonstrates ability to and interest in representing all Oregonians including the workers, the poor and minority groups.



Kulongoski sees unemployment this nation's major problem, since full employment is essential to a healthy society and sound economic structure. A high rate of unemployment condemns millions of Americans to poverty and loss of dignity.

Kulongoski advocates enforcement of anti-trust laws that would break the hold of the oil conglomerates in the oil industry and allow innovative alternatives to oil imports to be developed. Development of local, renewable energy and conservation would do much to control inflation.

We support Kulongoski's platform of national strength through full employment, not through a nuclear arms race, of opportunities for all Americans to be productive but charity to those who are in need.

We endorse Ted Kulongoski for US Senate.

□ Ron Wyden - Congress - 3rd District

As co-chairman of the Grey Panthers, Ron Wyden has served a role that should have been filled by some of our elected officials - he advocated changes to eliminate age discrimination, served as a watchdog over nursing homes and homes for the elderly, devised savings programs for "low-income" savers.



Among Wyden's issues are more equitable income for the elderly poor, national health insurance, energy programs that will assist the poor and middle-class, environmental protection, tax breaks for an initial home purchase.

The clear choice for Congress for the Third District is Ron Wyden.

□ Dave Frohnmayer - Attorney General

The Attorney General serves as the state's attorney. He interprets the law for the Governor and state agencies, represents the state in legal matters, represents the state in criminal appeals, for the Civil Rights Bureau, investigates charges of wrongdoing by public officials, enforces the open records laws and does much to set the tone of justice in the state.



The Attorney General must, above all, be honest, sober, sensitive to the rights of all citizens, and law-abiding himself. He must have knowledge and respect for the law, and hold the respect of the law-enforcement agencies.

Dave Frohnmayer, a professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Oregon Law School, is considered one of the better legal minds in the county. A member of the Oregon Legislature since 1975, he is highly respected for his integrity and courage.

□ Norma Paulus - Secretary of State

Perhaps the single most important responsibility that will fall on the Secretary of State during this term of office will be reapportionment of legislative districts based on the 1980 Census. If the Legislature is unable to redesign its own legislative districts - a highly political exercise that will drastically effect some legislators and both political parties - the responsibility will go to the Secretary of State.

Ten years ago the Legislature failed to perform this duty, so the districts were drawn by then Secretary of State Clay Meyers. We all know the result. The corner of Union and Fremont was used as the starting point to divide the entire state, and Portland Black community was split into four legislative districts. Meyers' theory was that it was better to put a few Blacks in each of four districts than a lot in one district.

So Albina has four representatives and four Senators, none with enough Black votes in their district to make a real difference - to make them have to consider their Black constituents.

On the other hand, when Metropolitan Service Districts were created Norma Paulus did a creditable job. Though not gerrymandered to create a "Black" district, Ms. Paulus considered the integrity of the community and did not hack it to pieces. She resisted pressure from rural areas to design the districts in a way that would be more favorable to them, to the detriment of the Black community.

We endorse Norma Paulus for the office of Secretary of State.

□ Jewell Lansing - State Treasurer

Based on qualifications alone, Jewell Lansing is the best choice for State Treasurer. Ms. Lansing has over 20 years experience in financial management, is a certified Public Accountant and is currently Multnomah County Auditor. Her training and experience are accounting and financing - the expertise this office requires.



The role of the State Treasurer is to keep track of the State's money and to assist the counties and cities keeps track of theirs. The State Treasurer invests the state's money, and must do so wisely. In a period of recession and tight budget, the state must take the most advantage of wise investments and cannot afford a loss.

Jewell Lansing has gained wide respect for her performance as Multnomah County Auditor. Her skills are needed at the state level.

□ Jim Gardner - Senate District 10

Probably the brightest new member of the Oregon Legislature is Senator Jim Gardner. Highly respected by his fellow legislators and the public for his integrity, enthusiasm, and attention to businesses, Gardner deserves re-election.



Gardner has attempted to remain in contact with and consider the views of all of his constituents.

In the 1979 legislative session he was the force behind the passage of a bill to ratify the Washington D.C. Amendment to the US Constitution in the Senate. The bill passed in the Senate but failed in the House, but a new effort will be made next session.

Gardner is one of those young men who has a brilliant career in government ahead of him but who will not forget the people he represents.

□ Rod Monroe - Senate District 7

Rod Monroe is seeking the Senate seat vacated by Senator Steve Kafoury, who will run for City Council. This district includes the portion of Albina south of Fremont and inner southeast.

Monroe, who currently is a member of the House of Representatives, was selected to run by the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee.

In the House, Monroe gained a reputation for "safety". He worked for non-smoking areas in public places and when that failed to be adopted he aided an attempt to put in on the ballot. He also pushed for mandatory seat belts.

Monroe is our choice for Senate District 7.

□ Jane Cease - House District 18

Jane Cease has served one term in the Oregon Legislature. She was on the Transportation Committee and the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, one of her major interests being the boundary commissions that set government boundaries, and land use.



She supports utility rate relief and programs for senior citizens and displaced homemakers, and housing development bonds to provide low and middle income family housing.

Rep. Cease enjoys her role as a legislator and works hard. The *Observer* endorses her reelection.

□ Les AuCoin - Congress - 1st District

Les AuCoin has been an asset to the people of the First District and to Oregon. Among his achievements in his first terms are lifting the interest rate ceiling for small savers, assisting the financing of community alternate energy sources, saving Amtrack's "Pioneer", and supporting public housing.

AuCoin makes himself available to the people of his district and works for issues in their interest.

□ Wally Priestley - House District 16

Wally Priestley again receives our endorsement for reelection to District 16.



Priestley is dedicated to shifting the tax burden from low and middle income home owners to business and large land owners, this cutting taxes to home owners but providing necessary funds for state programs.

He is willing to vote his conscience, even when alone, and causes other legislators to consider theirs. His continued opposition to a gasoline tax increase not only stopped a 10 cent increase in 1975 and a doubling of the license tax in 1977 through initiative petition, but his threat to refer the current increase caused the legislature to refer it to the voters.

He has facilitated citizen activists, in fact Measure 7, the nuclear safeguards bill was put on the ballot by his staff. He strongly supported the Black Commission bill.

He is the only public official regularly seen in the Black community.

Priestley's raising public consciousness by creating controversy on the "old school board" led to the defeat of two board members, the appointment of Herb Cawthorne and the dismissal of Robert Blanchard.

Priestley's willingness to question and oppose bad legislation, as well as his attention to the needs of the less fortunate citizens are needed in Salem.

□ Gretchen Kafoury - House District 13

Gretchen Kafoury has served two terms in the Legislature, representing District 13. Her interests now, as when she was first elected, include child care, education, women's rights, health care.



A former child care worker, she supports low cost child care for working parents. She is currently investigating teen age alcoholism and the juvenile justice system. She supports community based mental health care.

One of Rep. Kafoury's major concerns is domestic violence and to that end she successfully sponsored legislation requiring arrest in family assault cases. She continues to work for shelter homes for victims of domestic violence.

NOTICE

The community is holding a friendship potluck on October 25th to establish friendships between the new Indochinese refugees and the existing community. Commissioner Charles Jordan and leaders of the Hmong community will speak, translators will be provided. Come, bring a dish, see craft displays, get acquainted.

Corner of N. Kerby and Shaver (Unthank Park if it rains), 2 - 5:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

It was bad enough when an usher at a rock concert at the Paramount Theatre physically removed my sister from the waiting line and called her a "bitch", but when the security personnel at the Coliseum had my husband arrested for trying to re-enter a concert with his ticket stub, I knew it was the last straw.

In both cases the abused individual was legally and rightfully where they had paid to be and had been quietly and reasonably trying to deal with their particular situations. Ego, bad judgment and discrimination on the part of security personnel brought about an unjust end in each case.

It's time for something to be done to end this discrimination against rock concert audiences. The public has to be made aware of the injustice faced by Portland concert goers. Perhaps we may then see a change in attitude and action from those persons regulating rock concerts.

First of all, it is the general attitude of ushers, security personnel and police that all individuals who attend rock concerts are trouble-making punks on drugs, and they are treated as such. Granted, most of the people attending rock concerts are young persons under the age of 20. However, I am 22, my husband is 24 and my sister is 21. We have also seen a few middle-aged persons in the lines. Age makes

no difference. Mature, responsible, tax-paying adults, such as we, are treated like naughty children.

Although the price of the ticket for a rock concert (sometimes as low as \$2.50 and as high as \$12.00 - though generally around \$9.00) does not seem unreasonable for a night of good rocking and rolling, it is questionable if the line-up, search, seizure and harassment are worth it. Of the two, the Paramount Theater is by far the more security conscious. It is also by far more acoustically superior. It would seem one must choose between better musical sound or better personal treatment.

As for discrimination, I do have two questions which clearly raise this issue:

1. How many persons were searched at the recent Lawrence Welk concert in Portland?

2. Why was the Pope not banned from U.S. engagements after the trampling deaths of persons in Africa, while the same incident at the Who concert in Ohio resulted in their banishment from various cities in the U.S.?

Well, what can we do? It is lawful for security personnel to keep rock concert audiences in a single-file, shoulder-to-shoulder line hours before a concert begins?

Is it lawful for security personnel to inquire what individuals have in bags and backpacks before even entering the premises?

Is it lawful for security personnel

to physically remove a person from line who has done nothing illegal or disruptive and then call that person obscene names?

Is it lawful to refuse readmittance to persons holding ticket stubs when there is no such notice on the tickets nor signs posted advising of the same?

Who will raise these questions before the law for us? It is obvious we cannot solve these problems alone. I have tried.

In the first instance with my sister mentioned above, I have written three letters of complaint to the manager of the Paramount Theatre since August 29. I have received no response.

In the second instance involving my husband, the arrest occurred in the middle of the concert while I was still in the arena. My husband asked security personnel and the police to please notify me of what happened. No one did.

After sitting for two hours wondering what happened and asking information personnel for help and receiving none, I went home to await some word from someone somewhere. At 12:30 a.m. my husband called and informed me he had just been released from custody. Those 3-1/2 hours of hysteria and emotional stress were ones I (even more innocent than my husband) should not have had to go through.

How many others will?

Vickie Mayfield



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The *Portland Observer* is a champion of justice, equality and liberation; an alert guard against social evils; a thorough analyst and critic of discriminatory practices and policies; a sentinel to warn of impending and existing racist trends and practices; and a defender against persecution and oppression.

The real problems of the Black population will be viewed and presented from the perspective of their causality: unrestrained and chronically entrenched racism. National and international arrangements that prolong and increase the oppression of Third World peoples shall be considered in the context of their exploitation and manipulation by the colonial nations, including the United States, and their relationship to this nation's historical treatment of its Black population.

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