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California legislation seeks to bar Klan, Nazi

Legislation will be introduced in California to curb activities of groups that advocate unlawful violence. Robert L. Harris of San Francisco, immediate past president of the National Bar Association, is the principal drafter of the legislation which will be introduced by Senator Diane Watson of Los Angeles.

Danie Weber, president of the California Association of Lawyers, announced that for several months members of the association have

been involved in drafting legislation to deal with Ku Klux Klan activities.

The legislation would make it unlawful for any group or organization that advocate imminent lawlessness to meet or otherwise carry on activities in California. It would punish those who burn crosses or place Swastikas on public or private property.

In response to the claim that the legislation might violate the First Amendment, Harris said it meets all tests of constitutionality under the

First Amendment. It is based on two recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions that indicate the circumstances under which unlawful advocacy can be punished. (*Scales vs. US* and *Brandenburg vs. Ohio*)

According to Harris, "for more than 100 years the Klan has been hiding behind the First Amendment to preach and carry out its acts of racial violence and nothing legislatively has ever been done to deal with its advocacy of violence which is clearly no First Amendment, protection. The First Amend-

ment, is not now, nor has it every been, absolute. It has never protected advocacy that is likely to produce violence nor has the First Amendment ever protected activity that presents a clear and present danger."

He indicated that Black lawyers skilled in constitutional law are prepared to do battle with the ACLU and other s who argue that the Klan has a constitutional right to advocate violence against Blacks, noting that "the lives of Blacks are at stake." Harris, who is on the

board of the ACLU of Northern California said "the only reason the Klan has been allowed to exist for over 100 years is because it has Blacks as its chief targets, and if the situation were reversed, with a group of Blacks advocating and killing whites, the ACLU and other so-called civil libertarian groups would not be defending the rights of Blacks to engage in such illegal acts."

"The commission of violence against Blacks is so severe that Black lawyers can no longer sit idly

by and listen to the civil libertarians ridiculous claims that the advocacy of such violence is protected by the First Amendment.

"This legislation offers a reasonable and constitutionally permissible approach for dealing with Klan activities that have brought disgrace to this nation while at the same time it protects the rights of persons and organizations who are not engaged in advocating imminent violence and killing of people."

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Mayor discusses development

by Mayor Frank Ivancie

Budget cuts are big news these days. But they are not new. Inflation has already forced many Americans to cut their household budgets. Many Portlanders too.

But the fact that government is now talking about budget cuts is news. Inflation has increased tax

collections for many, many years. Government spending has increased to keep pace. The federal government has even run up huge deficits because Congress is not required to balance the books.

All this is coming to an end. State and local taxes have stopped increasing faster than inflation. And,

because of the results of the 1980 election, the President and Congress are now seriously considering cutting the federal budget.

This means that many government programs will be reduced or eliminated. Many of these cuts may affect Portlanders who rely on government aid to meet part or all of their daily needs. This is one reason why economic development is so important. New jobs are vital for the unemployed. They also help existing businesses by moving more dollars through the community.

As Mayor, I have made economic development one of my top priorities. I have reorganized the city's economic development efforts to reduce red tape, cut costly delays and eliminate unnecessary duplication. Economic development efforts have been brought directly into my office through a business ombudsman. And I will work to make sure that economic development takes place on both sides of the Willamette River from now on.

The downtown area west of the Willamette River will continue to receive attention from City government. I am very interested in revitalizing the Morrison Street area -- the area once considered for the Cadillac-Fairview project -- and the Portland Development Commission is currently working on a series of development options for that site. I am hopeful that a new, workable proposal will emerge in the near future.

But I am also interested in the area east of the river -- an area I like to call "downtown east."

Several years ago, the City Council created the Economic Development Advisory Committee to advise the Mayor and Council members on economic development issues. I have appointed several new members since becoming Mayor and, at its March 18 meeting, the committee named inner northeast Portland as

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MAYOR FRANK IVANCIE

Divestment essential to SA

By Fungai Kumbula

HB 2618 now before the Oregon Legislature is a straightforward piece of legislation. If it passes, it will (1) prohibit state funds from being invested in companies that do business in countries that practice racial discrimination and (2) encourage investing of such funds in Oregon to spur the economy and create jobs.

Currently, South Africa is the only country that has racism written into her constitution; the only country with institutionalized racism. For that reason, HB 2618 would affect only South Africa but would be applicable to any other country that may fall into the same category in the future.

This is an effort to get the U.S. to begin to live by some of the ideals spelled out in her constitution. A group of far-sighted Oregon citizens got together and drafted the bill to, for once, put this country on the right side of the coming revolution.

Unfortunately, there are also a few individuals bent on confusing the issue. The South African "counsel" was in Salem recently meeting

with the Governor and members of the Legislature and, he must have fed them quite a mouthful. Virtually all of the arguments against the bill now are right out of the South African shadow Ministry of Misinformation and Propaganda.

Let us examine these arguments one by one and shoot them down:

Item: Non-interference: We should not interfere in the internal affairs of another country. After all, we have enough problems of our own right here in Oregon. We should leave the South Africans to resolve their problems among themselves.

Response: The myth of non-interference was blown the day American companies first came to South Africa. They have since become part and parcel of the South African system with pretexts against apartheid notwithstanding.

They provide the money and technology that have made South Africa the economic giant in Southern Africa. The crux of the argument for divestment is that taking out the money and technology would deprive the apartheid regime of the basic foundation

of her odious system. This economic pressure from without coupled with social and other pressures from within are what will finally bring the South African regime around to sanity.

So, only when American companies withdraw from South Africa can they invoke the non-interference school of thought.

Item: South Africa has been making some progress towards real change. We should stay on in South Africa and encourage these positive overtures.

Response: What change? If it has taken South Africa this long to get to where she is today, that means we will have to wait another 300 years for her to get to where the United States was 100 years ago. The international media gets all excited any time Pieter Botha, the current South African dictator, talks about change.

Case in point: Botha talked about (get it? Talked about) abolishing the Immorality Act which forbids dating, marriage or sexual intercourse between people of different racial groups. Apart

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Citizens protest police action

For the first time members of the Black community took their protest against police harassment and brutality downtown Wednesday, with a picket of police headquarters and a march to City Hall for a rally.

Although leaders of the march had planned to present a list of demands and a letter of support from legislators to the City Council, the afternoon council session was cancelled, so the information was presented to the public on the steps of City Hall.

Urging that the citizens be provided competent, sensitive and humane police protection Bruce Broussard, publisher of the *Observer*, requested the following of Commissioner Jordan:

Fire all officers involved in the "possum incident"; appoint a Citizen Police Review Board; carefully investigate the administration of the Police Bureau with special attention to supervision and training.

Ronnie Herndon, Co-chairman

of the Black United Front, outlined the history of racial harassment and abuse by police on Portland's Black citizens. He explained that the BUF had requested of Jordan over a year ago changes in the Bureau's fire arms policy that allows officers to shoot a fleeing suspect, and to refrain from use of bullets banned in international warfare.

Representative Rick Bauman presented a letter supporting the demands, signed by a number of Portland area legislators.

Among the speakers were Luis Alvarez, Executive Director of the Committee of Spanish Speaking People of Oregon, who pledged the support of the Hispanic community in the effort to end police abuses against Blacks.

Herb Cawthorne spoke to the symbols of racism inherent in the "possum incident", explaining that this was a mere symptom - a symbol - of a deeper racism within the Bureau.

The rally was announced at a press conference Monday, attended

by Herndon; Broussard Cawthorne; Rodney Page, acting director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Fr. Bert Griffin, St. Andrews Catholic Church; Raul Soto Seelig, chairman of the Hispanic Political Action Council; Jose Calderon, Chairman, COSSPO; Armando LaGuardia, chairman of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission; Commissioner Gladys McCoy; and representatives of Immaculate Heart Parish and the National Lawyers Guild.

Commissioner Jordan, who left City Hall as the march approached, returned when most demonstrators had left. Discussing the issue with a few demonstrators and some members of the press, he reiterated his earlier statement that the public outcry and the "four press conferences" (there were two) were premature and should not have happened until after he has announced his disciplinary decision. At this time the decision is expected to be announced on Friday.



Demonstrators picket City Hall during rally to emphasize demands for disciplinary measures against offending police officers and for a more humane police force. (Photo: Richard Brown)