



POSTAL EMPLOYEES GIVE EXTRA HELP TO EASTER SEALS -- With Easter Seals being mailed throughout the state during the annual Easter Seal Appeal March 1 - April 19, three Portland postal unions are involved on and off the job in helping Oregonians with physical disabilities. Robert H. Dillard, president of Local #315 of the Mail Handlers, met 1981 Oregon Easter Seal child Ryan Heesacker amid the mail sacks and got a big Easter Seal lapel button recently at the new Easter Seal Center in Portland. Dillard said the Easter Seal program has been adopted by his union as a national project, that the local will also be working on the Telethon March 28-29, and will also help with the circulation of "Bury the Crutch" cubes and in other fund-raising projects.

Black churches join war protest

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church have joined a growing number of American Protestant organizations opposing US intervention in El Salvador.

"We must stand together on the crucial situation," said Reverend William Howard, president of the National Council of Churches, which include the major protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations. The National Council of Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church has long opposed U.S. military intervention.

The three Black Methodist denominations, along with the predominately white United Methodist Church, pledged "our oneness with the National Council of Catholic Bishops" in opposing U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

The churches adding their opposition include the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S., the Reformed Church in America, the Church of the Brethren, the American Baptist Churches, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, the Lutheran Church in America, the Moravian Church of America, and the National Conference of Community Churches have been critical of the government of El Salvador and its terrorism against its citizens.

The renunciation of U.S. military aid come on the eve of the anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was shot while saying mass because he continuously spoke out against the oppression, torture and murder of

Salvadorans and supported their struggle for liberation.

In Portland the life of Archbishop Romero and the cause he represented was remembered with three days of fasting and prayer vigils at St. Andrew Catholic Church and an ecumenical service at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening.

Rodney Page, acting director of the Ecumenical Ministers of Oregon, said of the Archbishop, "May his death serve as a tragic reminder that the evil faces of

poverty, injustice and oppression that caused his death are still rampant in El Salvador." Diane Hess, Chairman of the Portland Central American Solidarity Committee added, "The voice of Archbishop Romero was not silenced. It grows louder and stronger every day as more and more of us take up the pledge to stop U.S. intervention in El Salvador."

The Catholic Church of El Salvador announced this week that 6,196 citizens have been killed by their government this year. This is in addition to 12,075 verified killings

during 1980.

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights has voted to investigate the "Killings, Kidnappings, violence and torture" by the El Salvador government and to support the right of the people to demand the government they desire.

The Forabundi Marti Liberation Front has called a 24 hour moratorium on fighting in respect for Archbishop Romero.

Contributions for the people of El Salvador can be sent to the PCASC or Box 6443, Portland 97228 (235-9388).



Newhall - A track record of community support:

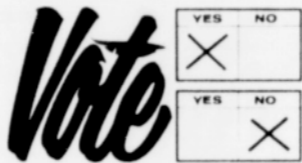
- Fought for Harriet Tubman Middle School
- Consistently supports strong basic skills for students
- Voted for increased parent involvement in neighborhood schools
- Will fight for balance in school closures

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Vote for Sarah Newhall for School Board - Position #1

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Committee to retain Sarah Newhall for School Board, Jay Delman, Treasurer, 419 NE Hazel Fern Place, Portland 97232.



Divestment essential to SA

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from being inconsequential to the struggle for South Africa scrapping the act would be totally meaningless because, should such a couple marry they could not live anywhere in South Africa because it is still "illegal" for people of different racial backgrounds to live under the same roof. Should they have a child, that child would have to go and live in yet a third neighborhood since, being of mixed parentage, the child would be classified in yet a third racial category, different than that of either mother or father!

Item: We need South Africa's minerals and other resources most of which are critical for our industries and defense system.

Response: These minerals and other resources are an endowment of the country not the government. A change of government in South Africa would not necessarily mean a cut-off of these resources - after all, the new government will still need foreign exchange just as the current one does.

Secondly, virtually all of the minerals the U.S. currently imports from South Africa she can just as easily get from such free African countries as Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zaire and Zambia.

Item: If we withdraw from South Africa, the Africans will be hurt the most since they are the ones who will lose their jobs first. By staying on in South Africa, we provide them jobs they otherwise would not have.

Response: Do you remember the arguments against slaves in the South escaping to the North? The one that went something like this: The slaves are better off staying on at the plantation because at least they have food and shelter. Same argument here: the Africans should continue to accept this slavery because at least they have jobs!

One curious thing is that the American companies that seem so overly concerned about the plight of the Africans. For the past 25 years, Black leaders in South Africa who know the situation better than anyone else have been calling on foreign companies to get out of South Africa. Would they cut their own throat or that of the people for whom they are fighting?

Item: The U.S. share of the South African trade is only 17% and, if we leave, some other foreign company is just going to step into our shoes.

Response: True, the U.S. share of this illicit trade is only 17% but that 17% is worth more than \$2.2

billion and that's a huge chunk of money. Moreover, U.S. companies provide 40% of South Africa's automobiles, 20-30% of the computers, 60% of the trucks, 40% of the gasoline, 100% of the technology for its coal-to-oil conversion industry to mention just five examples.

As for some other western or Japanese company moving in to fill the void U.S. companies would leave, all one can say is: That sort of logic is analogous to a burglar who sets out to burglarize a house, gets conscience-stricken and hesitates. Then he rationalizes that "if I don't break into this house, somebody else will. So I might as well go ahead and break in." Very smart.

Item: If the Africans take over South Africa, then the U.S. and other western countries will lose a valuable ally in their on-going struggle against communism. The Russians will get to control the sea lanes around the Cape through which 70% of the West's oil passes.

Response: Equating African nationalism with communism has been the favorite argument of South African propaganda. A quick look at the African continent today, however, quickly exposes the bankruptcy of this ploy: There are 51 independent countries on the African continent but not one of them can be called a communist country. Before Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe came to power, these same arguments were used; that a victory for Mugabe would be tantamount to delivering Zimbabwe into the arms of Moscow. Zimbabwe is almost a year old now and she is further from the Russian embrace than at any time in her colonial history.

The Africans are highly insulted when their continent is used as a battleground for the perennial East-West conflict. African nationalism owes allegiance neither to East nor to West.

In closing, the Africans feel that it is bad enough for Western countries to collaborate with the enemy, but it is downright disgraceful when they attempt to camouflage this collusion under the guise of working in the best interests of the Africans. It is a crying shame when they try to fool the American public about their real motives for investing in a system that flouts everything the American Republic was supposed to have been founded on.

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From the Front Door

By Tom Boothe

From the Front Door, I witnessed a most interesting situation Monday night March 9, 1981, at the Hansen Building Auditorium 12240 NE Gilsan. The meeting was billed as a "Public work session on the County budget."

The meeting and discussion centered around a potential (6) million dollar cut in revenue to provide services in Multnomah County.

The meeting was well publicized by the County, but the strange thing was that most Agencies, Businesses and citizens located in the Black community who will be greatly affected by the Potential Budget cuts were not present at the meeting. As compared to the agencies, Businesses and Citizens who are less dependent directly upon County funds were present in full force.

The Black community was represented by the House of Exodus (Staff and Clients), and by a larger number of members from the Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church, including their pastor.

Point blank, I will be happy to see the day when our Black citizens find the time to participate "on time" in Socio-political processes, as opposed to showing up "Late after the fact" complaining and criticizing the results of a political exercise.

Many Blacks will be affected by Federal, State, County and City Budget Cuts, many are already affected by Welfare cuts. Now is the time to plan and find productive alternatives to our community's economics, much of which will depend upon whether we function on time in to Socio-political processes.

Horses races, dog races, booze and dope has a negative effect on the Black community and the results of such indulgence benefit the Bureaucratic system far more than it does Black employment or the Black community in general. Yet, there are Black citizens spending just about all of their extra dollars on horse races, dog races, booze and street dope. Black citizens will show up in numbers and on time at the races, in line at the booze store, some even use taxi cabs for transportation, and will be on time for the dope man.

We as Black citizens need to learn what is **FIRST** and what is **NEXT**. This is called prioritizing.

1. (Priority number one) should be the security and welfare of your immediate family.
2. (Priority number two) should be the condition of our community, the livability of our neighborhood.
3. (Priority number three) can be our personalized sports and pleasures.

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