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Jordan removal spurs march on Ivancie, City Hall

A march is scheduled for noon today (Thursday) to protest the removal of Commissioner Charles Jordan from his position of Police Commissioner by Mayor Frank Ivancie. The march also protests the method used to appoint a new police chief on the same day the Bureau was removed from Jordan.

The Black community is united in its anger and frustration over Ivancie's move and interprets it as an effort to placate the Portland Police Association's protest over the firing of two police officers who threw possums in front of the Burger Barn restaurant.

Several main themes arise in community discussions of Ivancie's action: no Black official will be allowed the authority to fire white men, especially white police officers; Jordan's efforts to change policy including removing sergeants from the union, new firearms policies, the affirmative action process recently upheld by the Court of Appeals; Jordan's opportunity to select a new chief; the campaign promise made to Jordan and the Black community that Jordan would retain the bureau and could select the new chief; the method and timing used by the Mayor; the selection of a new chief without community involvement.

Hopes for change in the bureau have been dashed by talk of "law and order" and a "policeman's policeman".

Linda Johnson of CRIB told a press conference Wednesday, "In recent weeks there was an air of anticipation and of change, in the attitude of the Portland Police Department then under Commissioner Charles Jordan... The winds of change began to indicate that possibly the police administration would take responsibility for the action of the police on the street. But

the winds of change have died suddenly and unexpectedly with the Sunday night-like massacre by Mayor Ivancie. We are concerned at what looks like the apparent reversal of candor and communication with the police department."

Ronnie Herndon, chairman of the Black United Front, said although the Mayor's original promise to allow Jordan to retain the Bureau was surprising to him, the fact that Ivancie has now broken that promise shows that his promises are "not worth the paper they are written on." Ivancie made the promise to a meeting of the Metropolitan

Club prior to the election as well as to Jordan privately.

Herndon, saying that he has been harsh in his criticism of Jordan, said Ivancie's move was not just for the downfall of Jordan but was a message to the Black community that Blacks are not supposed to be in positions of power. He also objected to the quick selection of the new chief, saying that citizens had no opportunity to know what the criteria is for selecting a chief and whether anyone else would meet that criteria.

Charles Flake, PUS Black Students, said problems have existed in

the Police Bureau for fifty years and it was impossible for Jordan to make the needed changes in three years especially when the police union opposes every change.

Freddey Petter, Executive Director of the Portland Urban League, said she fears the removal of Jordan signals a return to "the old ways" of policing. She called on citizens to let the Mayor know of their displeasure and put him on notice that they do not intend to let the police bureau go back to "business as usual".

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DR. MARY BERRY

Berry addresses Urban League

Dr. Mary F. Berry will be the speaker at the Urban League of Portland's Annual Banquet Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Berry is Vice Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a Professor of History and Law at Howard University. She was assistant Secretary for Education in

the Carter Administration, heading the Education Division of HEW with a \$13 billion budget.

Prior to her service at HEW, she was Chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is a graduate of Howard University and the University of Michigan Law School.

THE PETER ALARID STORY CONTINUED...

'Have no memory of it'

By Nyewusi Askari

This is the continuing story of Peter Alarid, who suffered serious head injuries, while incarcerated at Rocky Butte jail. Recently, a \$200,000 suit was filed against the officer alleged to have inflicted the injury.

It was difficult for persons in positions of authority to believe Ms. Barboza's story about her son. And one by one attorneys contacted declined to take the case, stating that "there was little likelihood that Peter would recover." Many felt the state "should be put to task" for the injuries suffered, and the county as well, for the brutality inflicted by one of their officials whose beating had resulted in Peter Alarid being sent to Oregon State Hospital.

After an exhausting search, Ms. Barboza decided to contact the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., and on September 11, 1980, received the following, which read in part:

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am forwarding to you for your consideration, correspondence that I have received from Ms. Agnes Barboza regarding her son, Peter Alarid.

I would like to request the Department of Justice to look into Ms. Barboza's statements in light of possible deprivation of the civil rights of Peter Alarid. It would be appreciated if your consideration would include both the possible civil and criminal ramifications of the civil rights issues raised by Ms. Barboza.

Sincerely,
Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary

On November 20, 1980, another letter of importance arrived:

Dear Ms. Barboza:
Please be advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been requested to conduct an investigation into this matter.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,
Drew S. Days III
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Ms. Barboza's cause of concern for her son came not from the fact he was being held in Rocky Butte,

Cawthorne: Children come home!

School Board member Herb Cawthorne called on Black parents who have children attending schools outside their community for purpose of desegregation to bring them back to the community. "The School Board cannot accept schools where there is natural integration, yet they expose their pie-in-the-sky values about integration. The schools they protect are lily-white. This should show parents what the Board thinks about integration. They should begin to bring their children home and stop subsidizing schools outside of the community. This just drains off the students, decreases enrollment, causes poor

programs and then is used as an excuse to close the schools."

Cawthorne was responding to statements by Dean Gisvold and Charlotte Beeman that they will vote to close Adams High School when they assume their board positions July 1st.

"I consider their statements extremely detrimental to the community, to the hope for integration, and I believe detrimental to the school district as a whole. They didn't even have the respect to wait until they were on the board before they began to paralyze the actions of the current board.

Saying they haven't been a part of the process, he added that their statements are "a slap in the face to the community" and shows "complete disregard for the psychological wellbeing of the students who are hanging in limbo." All of the students who currently attend Adams and Washington/Monroe do not know where they will attend school next year, as well as the graduating 8th graders. "If Adams were to be closed, there would have to be adjustments in the feeder patterns of Cleveland, Franklin, Grant and Madison and this should not be done in the summer after school is

closed."

Cawthorne said he had been ready to close three high schools but would not close both Washington/Monroe and Adams. "When I saw that they were unwilling to compromise and close Cleveland instead of Washington/Monroe, I decided I would not close Adams."

Cawthorne said he does not believe some members of the board are aware of the tension in the community. "I think the new board members who don't have the courage to come forward and tell their plans. If Adams is closed - I hope the community reacts."

Coalition requests 'new high school'

The Northeast-Southeast Coalition for a New High School has submitted a proposal to the School Board, asking that Adams and Washington/Monroe High Schools be combined, in the Adams building, with a new name.

The primary goal is to create a top-quality comprehensive educational program in the location that will provide a naturally integrated and diverse socio-economic area.

The new school would include the student bodies from both schools and the three magnet programs from Washington/Monroe; Health Services (Medical/Dental); Food Services; Early Childhood Development. Magnet status would be given the computer program now at Adams.

The committee has received commitments from Providence Hospital, Holladay Park Hospital, Emanuel Hospital and Beta Kaiser Hospital to assist the medical/dental program.

The Food Services Magnet would fit in existing facilities at the school. Adams already provides hot lunches for St. Charles School and the magnet could offer low-cost meals to elderly citizens in the area. Lunches for business people in the community is another option.

Adams now contains a child care facility. The child care magnet could be installed at no cost and would be enhanced by the proximity of the program. It is also near Meek and Vernon Elementary Schools, Headstart programs, Providence Child Care and Shrines Hospital.

The Computer Science program now at Adams provides opportunities for students at all levels. Elevating this program to magnet status would draw students from throughout the district. A computer magnet could also be linked to other programs, for example with Portland Community College.

Another important consideration is the emotional stability of the students. The Monroe students have already gone through the closure of Monroe High School, consolidating with Washington, and now the closure of Washington. These students and those from the Washington district have not been assigned new schools and are to be divided among Jefferson, Cleveland and Franklin. The Washington students were under direct threat of

closure until three years ago when Monroe was moved to their building.

Adams has been under fire through most of its existence, have been neglected by the district, and has faced probable closure for several years.

The committee proposes a five-year written commitment from the School Board. The committee would continue to work on volunteers to insure a smooth transition.

Bob Nelson, Chairman of the Concordia Neighborhood Association and leader of the community's effort to save Adams, said a committee met with Superintendent Fenwick to ask why nothing is being done about the School Board's director to move three of the (Please turn to Page 9 Col 1)



Jumoke Askari is filled with the spirit of the drum, during "Afrikan" Cultural Night, held May 29th, at Portland State University. See Page Four for related story. (Photo: Richard Brown)

The forum on youth employment and recreation scheduled for June 6th has been postponed.