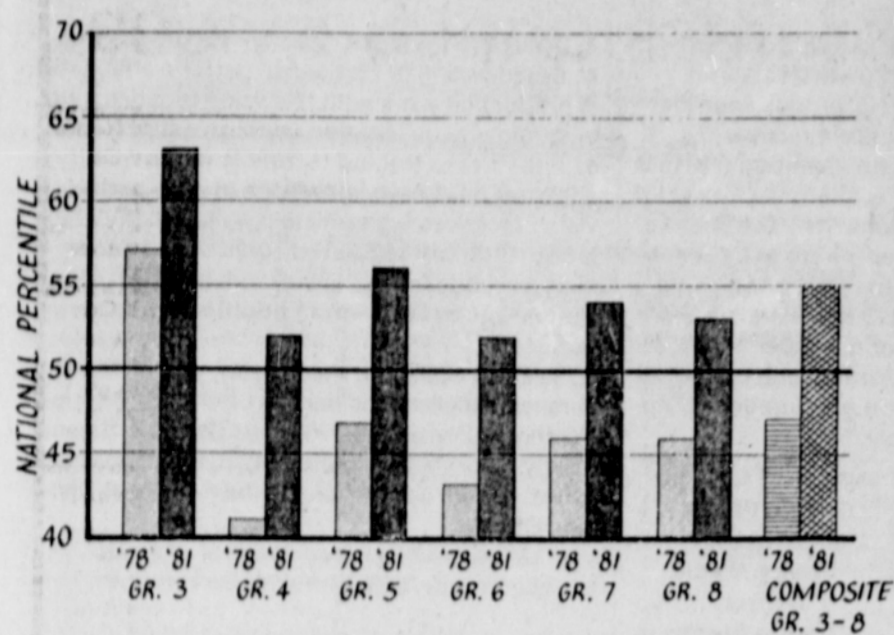
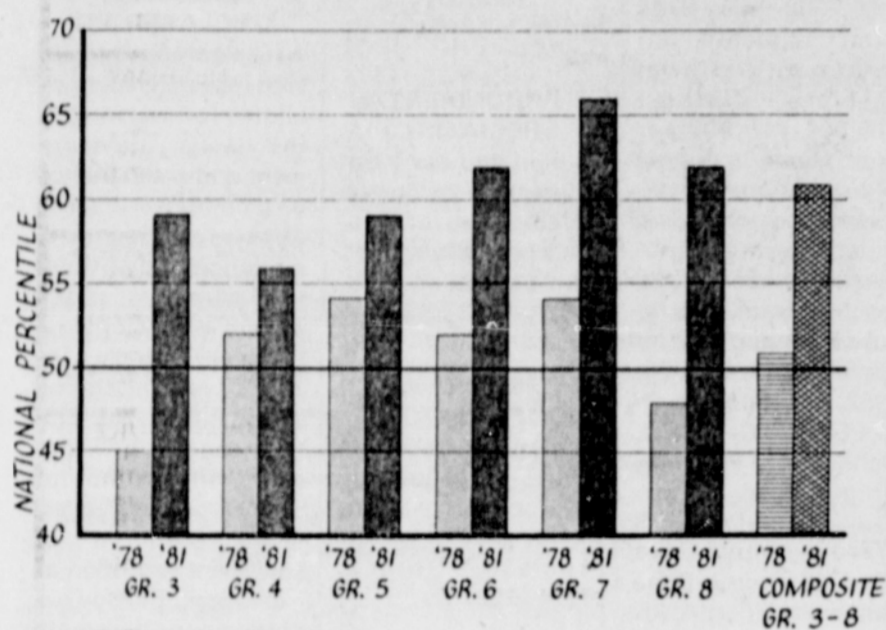


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READING GAINS OF PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



School achievement rises

Dr. Matthew Prophet announced that the School District's students surpass the national average in reading and mathematics at all grade levels and that gains of from five to 14 national percentage points have been made during the past four years.

This assessment was made possible by the adoption in 1977 of a new, district-wide testing system.

In 1978 the district average was

below the national norm in mathematics in all but the third grade. In reading the district average was below the national norm on the third and eighth grade levels.

Crediting the principals, parents, teachers and students for the significant gain, Prophet said, "We all realize that there is no mission that is more crucial to the economic and social well-being of this city."

U.S. arms: A black issue

(Part II)
by Manning Marable
"From The Grassroots"

Simply to concentrate on the issue of nuclear arms production and deployment, as some white progressives tend to do, misses several key points. First, it is vital to link the question of nuclear weapons systems with the entire network of death, the military-industrial complex, and the billions of dollars at stake for certain corporate and political interests with maintaining the Cold War.

Through their political action committees, corporations that produce weapons comprise an important financial client for U.S. politicians. Both Republican and Democratic leaders in the House and Senate—Republicans like Howard Baker and Jesse Helms to Democratic "Hawks" like Sam Nunn of Georgia, Daniel P. Moynihan of New York, and Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington, are all beneficiaries of the arms industries. We tend to forget that when Jimmy Carter was elected President in 1976, he promised to reduce defense spending by 5 to 7 billion dollars. Within six months in the Oval Office, defense spending increased to \$111.8 billion, the highest figure in U.S. history to that point. It was Carter, a Democrat, who revived the Cold War in 1980 to create an external threat, permitting the renaissance of anti-communist hysteria and the belief that more bombs could guarantee world peace. It was the Democrat Carter who encouraged private U.S. firms to sell billions of dollars worth of arms to Third World countries under American hegemony. Reagan's wild antics on the world stage, his bizarre contempt for peace, are the logical and politically bankrupt extensions of the Carter agenda.

There is always the question of self-interest in politics: who benefits from the arms race? Worldwide, the sale of weapons soared from \$9 billion in 1969 to over \$20 billion in 1980. In 1969, the U.S. weapons sales on the world market represented about 11 per cent of all sales. By 1980, U.S. corporations were producing and selling \$16 billion worth

of arms, about 80 per cent of the world's total amount. According to Andrew Pierre, author of *The Global Politics of Arms Sales*, the amount of arms sold to the oil-rich nations of the Persian Gulf increased 400 per cent in the 1970s. Arms to Latin American nations jumped 300 per cent between 1969 and 1978. Shipments of weapons to African nations increased during the same time by 2000 per cent!

Pierre points out that before the 1970s, "most arms supplied [to the Third World] were the surplus and obsolete weapons of the major powers, which they wanted to eliminate from their inventories so as to make room for new, more advanced equipment." This is no longer true. In 1981, the sale of the AWACs to Saudi Arabia by the United States was for a total amount of \$8.5 billion. That single arms transaction was worth more than all societies had spent on wars, large and small, from the beginning of human civilization until the twentieth century. It exceeds the total amount of arms bought, sold and used by all countries during World War II.

How does the U.S.-provoked arms race with the Soviet Union affect the material conditions of Third World people? Another way of asking this question is—what do military expenditures represent for humankind? The human costs of arms spending is almost beyond belief:

- Half the resources at present allocated to military expenditures in one day would suffice to finance a program for the total eradication of malaria.

- In five hours, the world's military expenditures are the equivalent of the overall UNICEF yearly budget for child care programs.

- The number of people working in the military sphere, including armed forces staff, is today twice the total number of teachers, physicians and nurses in the world.

- Approximately 25 per cent of the world's scientific personnel is engaged in military activities. It is estimated that 60 per cent of the overall scientific research expenditures is absorbed by military programs. The volume of such research projects is



Miss Lavin's 1981 first grade class.

Boise holds reunion

Boise School, located at 620 N. Fremont, is going to be having a reunion this Friday, May 14, from 5:30-9 p.m. to celebrate "The Way We Were." There will be exhibits, slides, music and refreshments.

In the year 1926 it was decided that a new school was needed to replace Shaver School and Thompson School, both located in Northeast Portland.

By the spring of 1927, all was ready for the cornerstone to be laid.

On that day children from both schools came marching two by two, behind a flag bearer, with each class accompanied by their teacher to their new educational facility—Boise School.

Boise School was named for Reuben P. Boise. Boise was a Supreme Court Judge who was very much interested in education and was a member of the first school board of the City of Portland.



Angela Aledger, Eddie Gahegan, Mrs. Patty Zimmerman and James Barfield seen on 1980-81 student council

five times greater than that of the projects devoted to health protection.

- The countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America allocate 5.9 per cent of their Gross National Product to weapons and military expenditures, whereas they devote only one per cent to public health and 2.8 per cent to education.

- One per cent of the developed countries' military budgets would overcome the existing deficit in international assistance for financing an increase in food production and creating emergency reserves.

- The cost of a modern tank would pay for the construction of 1,000 classrooms for 30,000 children in underdeveloped countries.

- The price of a Trident nuclear submarine—the United States is planning to build 13 of them before 1990—equals the cost of keeping 16 million children from the underdeveloped world in school for a year; the construction of 400,000 dwellings for 2 million people; or more than the total value of grains imported by Africa in a year.

- The expenditures for military activities in a year during the mid-'70s would have financed, among other things, a vaccination program against infectious diseases for all children in the world, a program for the eradication of adult illiteracy in the entire world before the year 2000, a supplementary food program for 60 million pregnant women, and a classroom increase for over 100 million pupils.

It is time for the Black Movement to acknowledge the necessity of linking the interests of white nuclear disarmament activists with our own. There can be no full employment in this country, so long as the U.S. government wastes billions of dollars on unnecessary and dangerous weapons. No universal health care system, or effective public educational institutions, or humane welfare system is thinkable, unless the capital allocated for nuclear bombs is halted. The question of black survival into the twenty-first century will be mute if the world is enveloped in the flames of a nuclear exchange.

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The Exodus Clean Team's motto is: "A clean spirit, a clean mind, a clean body and clean property will produce a clean citizen who lives in a clean community, and we will make it so."

We estimate that it will cost about \$500,000 per year to operate a Drug/Alcohol prevention and aversion program for youth; plus the on-going community responsibility training for neighborhood youths.

Make your checks payable to the:
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P.O. Box 11345
Portland, Oregon 97211

We believe this initial budget is quite small when compared to the direct costs of vandalism, thieves, burglaries and other property damages and losses caused by irresponsible youths; plus, when you add those losses to the cost of building and maintaining jails, correction facilities and prisons, plus the cost of maintaining police and judicial systems. The truth is the cost of irresponsible youth is staggering.

Respect and responsibility is all that your dollars can buy for youth at the House of Exodus, but we believe that respect and responsibility is all that our youth really need to become an asset to our communities, rather than a liability.

Give what you can and join the many supporters of the Exodus Clean Team.

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