



On the change in decision

by Herb Cawthorne

I am continually asked, "Are you happy about the Board's reversal on the Tubman issue?" I have mixed emotions. I am pleased that the community has regained what it had already won in April of 1980, after a long process.

On the other hand, I am disappointed that we had to go through so much pain and heartache to achieve it. Someday soon, black people will be able to deal with issues in a "normal" process where from the beginning there is respect enough to encourage dialogue. Then we won't have to disrupt meetings, boycott, hold mass gatherings in the churches, and spend so much valuable energy on simply getting recognized.

When the Board made the initial Boise decision, all we got was indifference. Then the Board got an angry reaction. Then there was dialogue. When the Board has dealt with the white community—and I have seen this first hand again and again—there is never indifference anywhere in the process. The whites seldom have to get so angry. Dialogue is the first place they begin, not the last resort. The difference boils down to the degree of respect. Basically, this whole struggle has been as much to gain respect as it has been to regain the placement of the Middle School as promised.

Some members of the Board and the community point to Jackson High School and say, "See, we made those people mad too, and they are white."

But the Jackson decision was also wrong. It was as wrong as closing

Adams in the summer months. Yet, the insensitivity shown the Jackson community was a fluke, the exception rather than the rule. Usually, the white communities rarely face such insensitivity. The black community has endured it year after year.

On the prospects

The struggle over the Tubman issue is another step in the "greening" of the black community. For the last five years, we have been maturing. The process of cooperative effort is not complete. But it's moving along well.

The beauty of the struggle this time was that so many different elements of the community made a contribution. Tactics varied. Timing was sometimes different. Ways for

stating the issues were not the same.

But the basic understanding was shared by all. In the heat of the battle, there was more tolerance of the minor differences. We did not get caught in our own self-defeating crossfire, shooting at one another over small details which, ultimately, make no difference. The prospects for further change are great. We need to keep building.

On Ron Herndon

I think Ron Herndon is remarkable. He has courage and vision. I was told by one person that Ron must be the biggest egotist in town because he continually refers to the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr. They act as though Ron is trying to say he is Martin Luther King, Jr. But Martin Luther King belongs to

all people, and especially to black people. He is our example. All Ron attempts to do is remind us that the same criticisms our struggle gets today are no different than the criticisms aimed at Dr. King.

The tactics King used taught us. And, like all good students who honor the master, we have taken what we have learned and gone out into the world to practice. Ron Herndon knows this psychological trap that some people try to put on him.

Here's what happens: A great black leader is built up so high that we everyday black folk put his picture on the mantle and read his words and praise him on his birthday. But when we take the lessons of greatness and apply them to our struggle, we are accused of taking a sacred image and dragging it through the mud.

As I said, Ron Herndon is remarkable. He knows that our history and our leaders belong to us, first and foremost.

On Matt Prophet

I want everyone to know that the Tubman issue could never have been solved without the skill and patience and negotiating ability of Matt Prophet.

So all you people who started pecking at him with petty criticisms before he could unpack his bags, I hope you have the integrity to admit that the criticisms were premature and unwarranted. He did the very best job possible in a very difficult situation that was not of his making.



Washington Hot Line

by Congressman Ron Wyden

Q. This weekend, President Ronald Reagan announced a two-part proposal for nuclear arms reductions. What do you think of this proposal?

A. I am pleased that the President has gone on record in support of reducing nuclear arms. Any reduction in present levels of ballistic missile warheads, as proposed in phase one of the President's plan, is certainly welcome. Phase two, which calls for a ceiling on all strategic nuclear forces, including sharp reductions

in missile throw-weight, is equally welcome.

The problem with the President's proposal is that it does not go far enough. What Americans and many people around the world are clamoring for is a halt to the insane nuclear arms race—a freeze on development of new nuclear weapons. Under the President's proposal, new weapons and nuclear lemons such as the MX missile and the B-1 Bomber could still be developed.

The President is right to make proposals that, if adopted, will help us step back from the brink of nuclear self-destruction. But we cannot be satisfied because we have defused a few warheads. We will still have the capacity—and the evil temptation—to destroy the earth, civilization and mankind as we know it.

Although I realize that the President's proposal is intended as a beginning negotiating position, I believe he should also lay a freeze on new nuclear weapons on the negotiating table—and that the full force of U.S. policy should be put behind such a freeze. Only then can Americans and the rest of the world begin to breathe easier from the fearful prospect of nuclear holocaust.

Q. Last week, the Senate Budget Committee came out with an Administration-blessed budget proposal for 1983. What do you think of this proposal?

A. I am adamantly opposed to it because, once again, it flunks the fairness test. Once again, the defense budget and other sacred cows are let off with only minor reductions while domestic programs such as education, Medicare and Social Security are asked to shoulder the brunt of the proposed cuts. Under the Budget Committee proposal, Social Security alone would be asked to absorb \$40 billion in cuts over the next three years.

Not only is this kind of budgeting unfair, it is unnecessary. I still believe we can come up with a bipartisan budget that trims the fat and saves the lean. We can achieve the kind of savings we need by eliminating waste in the defense budget, rolling back the bloated tax cut rammed through Congress last year, and trimming the sails of other sacred cow programs.

We should not—and must not—ask senior citizens, children and the needy to sacrifice still more.

Register and Vote

Harold Williams

The Person, Community Worker, Candidate
"Your Best Choice"



Paul and Geneva Knauls endorse Harold Williams for State Representative for District 18.

Geneva and I are supporting Harold in this race for State Representative not only because we have the greatest respect for Harold as product of this community, but mainly because he is qualified to do the job in the legislature to represent this district.

All too often, we have a person up for a position of leadership or a political office who does not have enough experience or is lacking an adequate educational training. This is not the case with Harold Williams. Harold has his B.S. and M.S. degree and has done additional studies in International Relations.

Harold has served under three consecutive Governors. First, under Governor Tom McCall as Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Governor Robert Straub, as the State's Affirmative Action Director. And presently, as Labor Manager under Governor Atiyeh.

Harold has 14 years of governmental administrative experience. Harold is energetic, bright, articulate, and dedicated to improving the image of District 18. Harold will work to attract new business to the district while providing funds to expand existing business. This would put the residents in this area back to work. Also, Harold will encourage business to locate in our economically depressed area. In other words, Harold would like to see every vacant business structure on Union Avenue fill with a thriving business, as a start in improving this district. Harold is interested in streamlining business regulatory requirements for state and local government. Harold Williams as State Representative will explore urban growth strategies to increase labor incentives in industrial development; ensure the continued availability and improved utilization of natural resources; maintain a level of Human Services that will provide a safety net for all Oregonians in need. He will work to develop a comprehensive state-wide health care delivery system. In order to provide stable funding for basic school support and higher education, Harold will explore educational revenue sources so that taxes will not have to be increased.

In 1973, Harold was selected as the Portland Jaycees "Man of the Year" which says a lot about the services that he has rendered to this community. His community activities include: member of Portland Chamber of Commerce, National Council of Christians & Jews, and served as Chairman of Portland Model Cities Education committee.

VOTE MAY 18th, 1982 FOR YOUR BEST CHOICE.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Harold Williams, Ginger Sharp, Treasurer, 249-8350
P.O. Box 1276, Portland, OR 97207.

The Black United Front urges you to vote for our choice



Vesia Loving

for State Representative Democrat - District 18

- ★ Hardworking
- ★ Proven leader
- ★ Unbought

A Partial List of Endorsements

Ron Herndon
Jeri Abrams
Ed Edmondson
Joan Gordon
James Hill
Jean Reese
Halim Rashaan
Shirley Vidal
Charles Myrick
Linda Johnson
Benjamin Priestley
Jackie Lynch
Kamal Sadiki
Gloria Stewart
Joice Taylor
Alice Wysingle

"Vesia has demonstrated her leadership by fighting side-by-side with the community to get the difficult tasks done. Now we can and should elect Vesia Loving to represent us in the Oregon Legislature!"

—Black United Front endorsement 4/29/82

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Loving State Rep.,
Jeannette Allen, 4028 N. Michigan, Portland OR 97217

*You are invited to Election Night Party, Billy Webb Elks,
8 N. Tillamook at Williams, 8:00 p.m. until...*

ELECT Robert W. BOYER

Boyer in House 18



Newspaper Endorsements:
Oregonian
Oregonian Journal
Willamette Week

"... Robert W. Boyer, 42, a Waterway Terminals worker and president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute's Portland chapter, is best qualified, in terms of past community involvement, public service experience, temperament, commitment, and philosophy, to be District 18's representative in Salem. He is recommended to the voters."
—*Oregonian*, May 11, 1982

Organizational Endorsements

National Association of Social Workers,
Portland Chapter
Oregon Black Political Convention, OABA
Oregon Credit Union League
Oregon State Council of Carpenters

Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers
Association of Western Pulp & Paperworkers
Boilermakers, Local 72 (L.E.A.P. Committee)
Columbia District Council of ILWU (Longshoremen)
Electrical Workers No. 48, I.B.E.W.
Laborers, Local 296

Metal Trades Council of Portland & Vicinity
United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 143
United Steelworkers of America
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Willamette Week's endorsement said Buchanan has the administrative skills needed.

Dennis Buchanan, a clear choice.

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