



Washington Hot Line

by Congressman Ron Wyden

Q. The house of representatives adjourned for the Memorial Day Recess this week without passing a budget. How do you feel about that decision?

A. I think it was a terrible and inexcusable mistake. I feel strongly that Members have no business going out and relaxing over a game of tennis or sailing on a lake somewhere when they have not completed the job Americans sent them here to do—reduce the deficit, lower interest rates and get the economy back on its feet.

The bloated federal deficit is our number one economic problem. We must get it under control -- and the budget process is the only way we can do so.

Because I believe so strongly in the importance of this process, I attended some 10 leadership meetings over the three days and talked to

Members on the floor to remind them of the importance of lowering the deficit. I was determined not to be just a bystander: not to just walk onto the floor and stare at the scoreboard like a spectator at some kind of a sporting event.

Getting the budget under control is no game. And it shouldn't be treated as such.

Q. Why weren't members able to agree on a budget plan?

A. The biggest single reason is that many members just simply wouldn't vote for anything. They felt that all of the alternatives involved some risks -- and they did. No single proposal had everything any of us wanted in it; each had some problem areas. But I believe there is a way we can split the difference and come up with a plan that moves us in the right direction.

Until and unless we are willing to bite the bullet and come up with

such a plan, the American people will be left hanging.

Q. What do you anticipate when the House returns to consideration of the budget next week?

A. I'm hoping for the best; hoping that the budget committee will come back in with a positive compromise that can get the votes it needs to pass.

Unfortunately, with three or so days to sit and think about it, many members may return with their positions even more solidly crystalized--thus, destroying any chance of compromise.

I still believe the solution lies in a 1-2 punch that:

a. cuts spending fairly, starting with defense and other sacred cows that have been touched very little, and;

b. retools last year's tax cut that was unfair to so many Americans.



From the Boardroom

by Gladys McCoy, County Commissioner

Something exciting will be happening in Northeast Portland! Senior Citizens are on the move! The Senior Adult Service Center of Near Northeast Portland will open in District II before the end of the year. Its location will be 4128 NE Union Avenue and Mason Street. An Open House is planned for Friday, June 4, to thank those who have participated in and have remained supportive of this facility becoming a reality. The business sector and community have been invited to learn about renovation needs to bring the facility up to par for serving the requirements of Seniors in near Northeast Portland.

The Center will offer a program of services for elderly individuals designed to meet the physical, social, nutritional, emotional, and educational needs of participants. Such services will prevent, retard or correct physical and/or mental deterioration that would lead to premature placement in institutions.

Some services will be provided by the Near Northeast Seniors, Inc. Board and the Northeast District Advisory Board of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The Urban League Senior Program will be the major provider of services at this lo-

cation. The facility will allow for expansion in the future.

For many years, Senior Citizens in Northeast Portland have wanted a facility to call their own. It has taken the efforts of community, business, and government representatives two years to find the facility that could best be adapted to Senior needs with the least amount of capital investment. The Senior Adult Service Center of Near Northeast Portland, Inc., a non-profit corporation, in conjunction with a community-based task force approached local government with an appropriate site for the facility. The purchase price was \$105,000. Multnomah County allocated \$50,000, the City of Portland allocated \$50,000, and the Senior Adult Service Center, Inc. provided \$5,000 collected from fund-raising events for the purpose of acquiring a Senior Center facility.

The Center is located in a prime and easily accessible area. Its location on Union Avenue will allow it to show the commitment of business and the community to the general well being of the area.

It is also in accord with the City of Portland's plans to improve the Union Avenue thoroughfare. Of course, we would prefer a brand

new facility designed, owned and operated for Seniors. That dream is not lost with this move. We see this as an interim step until the economy improves and building starts are possible again.

As a Human Service advocate, (Seniors, in this case), I am excited that there will be two Senior Centers in District II. Senior citizens are inclined to be a "forgotten" population in our society and my concern is to do whatever I can through County government policy to see that Seniors are remembered.

I, too, invite my constituents to attend the SASC Open House from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and let Seniors know you remember them.

Banquet features Ron Dellums

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atically dangerous, militarily unnecessary, and environmentally hazardous. In his judgment: "Nuclear disarmament is our best guarantee for peace and national security. Nuclear arms escalation will only intensify our national insecurity."

For Dellums, Congress is only one of the areas in which the new progressive coalition will evolve. It is an institution which must be made aware of the forces at work for progressive social and economic change. In his efforts to jolt the House out of its institutional indifference to controversial issues that regular House Committees refused to recognize or deal with, Dellums has been willing to conduct extra-official hearings to force "official" Washington to recognize the gravity of a particular situation. For example, over the years he has conducted personal investigations into US war crimes in Indochina and the impact of Agent Orange and other toxic agents on the men and women who served in the Indochina theater of operations. In conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus, he has conducted examinations on the extent of racism in the military and various aspects of governmental lawlessness and bureaucratic indifference.

Many of these hearings have resulted in major legislative proposals. The War Crimes hearings have produced repeated demands for a new code of conduct for US military and intelligence personnel, both at home and abroad, in peacetime as well as in time of war. The "Racism in the Military" hearings produced bills to reform the system of military justice, and to end discrimination based on discharge

status, among other measures. From the "Governmental Lawlessness" hearings came the Bureaucratic Accountability Act which strengthens Congressional oversight capacity and provides the ordinary citizens with the legal tools needed to force the federal bureaucracy to adhere to the law.

In the 97th Congress Mr. Dellums has re-introduced his National Health Service Act. This bill (H.R. 3884) is the most comprehensive health care legislation ever introduced into the Congress. In his judgment, comprehensive health care for all Americans is a basic human privilege for those with wealth and power.

Other important legislation which Mr. Dellums has sponsored includes the World Peace Tax Fund, the Adequate Income Act, the Omnibus Penal Reform Act, the Omnibus Intelligence Community Reorganization and Reform Act, and a number of bills dealing with the environment, women's rights, the plight of senior citizens, the critical problems of youth employment, opposition to a peacetime draft in any form, the extension of the Voting Rights Act, and other areas of major social and economic concern to the vast majority of Americans. He has also brought suit in Federal District Court to force the withdrawal of American military advisers from El Salvador and the termination of military and economic aid to the ruling Junta there.

Mr. Dellums is married to the former Leola (Roscoe) Higgs, who is currently finishing her legal studies at the Georgetown University Law Center. They reside in Washington, D.C., with their three children - Brady, Eric and Piper.

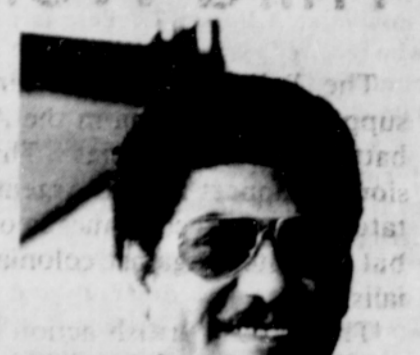
The banquet will be held at the Hilton Hotel.

Street Beat

This week we took the question "Do you feel that Oregon should have Capital punishment for some crimes?"



Philip George, retired. "I think so. Not for the first offense, but for the ones that continue to commit murder and things of that kind."



John Wilson, Sales - "Well that's a two-edged sword. I believe in capital punishment but I don't like the way it is administered. I believe in capital punishment for murder, rape and that type of thing."

George Officer, Retired - "Yes, for some crimes that are really harmful to other people. It shouldn't be for minorities only but for everyone."



Helen Marie Fox, Maid - "No I don't. To me it just isn't fair. People do things at times when they aren't in their right mind. There is always a reason for crimes that happen - two sides to every story."



Margaret Moore, Cook - "Yes as far as killing a person for no reason at all. Also for breaking into people's houses and assaulting little kids."

John Gunderson, Salesman - "I don't think that is the answer. I think we ought to have proper prisons and more of them. There is also a need for more rehabilitation programs."

by Harris Levon McRae and Richard Brown



Vivian Whitley has a dream. It's Anheuser-Busch's dream, too.

Vivian Whitley has always done good work in her community. Giving people encouragement, helping them to fight for the things they want. But Vivian wanted to do more. She had dreams of being a social worker. She also had four children to raise. And that had to take priority.

But Vivian never forgot her dream. And when three of her four children were in college, Vivian went to college, too. On an Anheuser-Busch/Urban League Community Scholarship. These scholarships are for people like Vivian who had to miss going to college for one reason or another. But they don't have to miss out now. They have a second chance for an education and a career.

Vivian got her degree. She made straight A's, while working at two to three jobs and raising a family. Yet she still found time to use her hard-earned skills to help the people in her community, as president of her PTA, as a teacher in her local church, and as the first woman chairman of the board of the Human Development Corp. Today, Vivian is still going to school, getting her master's degree and the credentials she needs to feel qualified to do the work she always wanted to do.

Vivian's taking her dream and making a future. One we can all share in.

And that's our dream. A future we can all live with.

Building a future. Dream by dream.



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