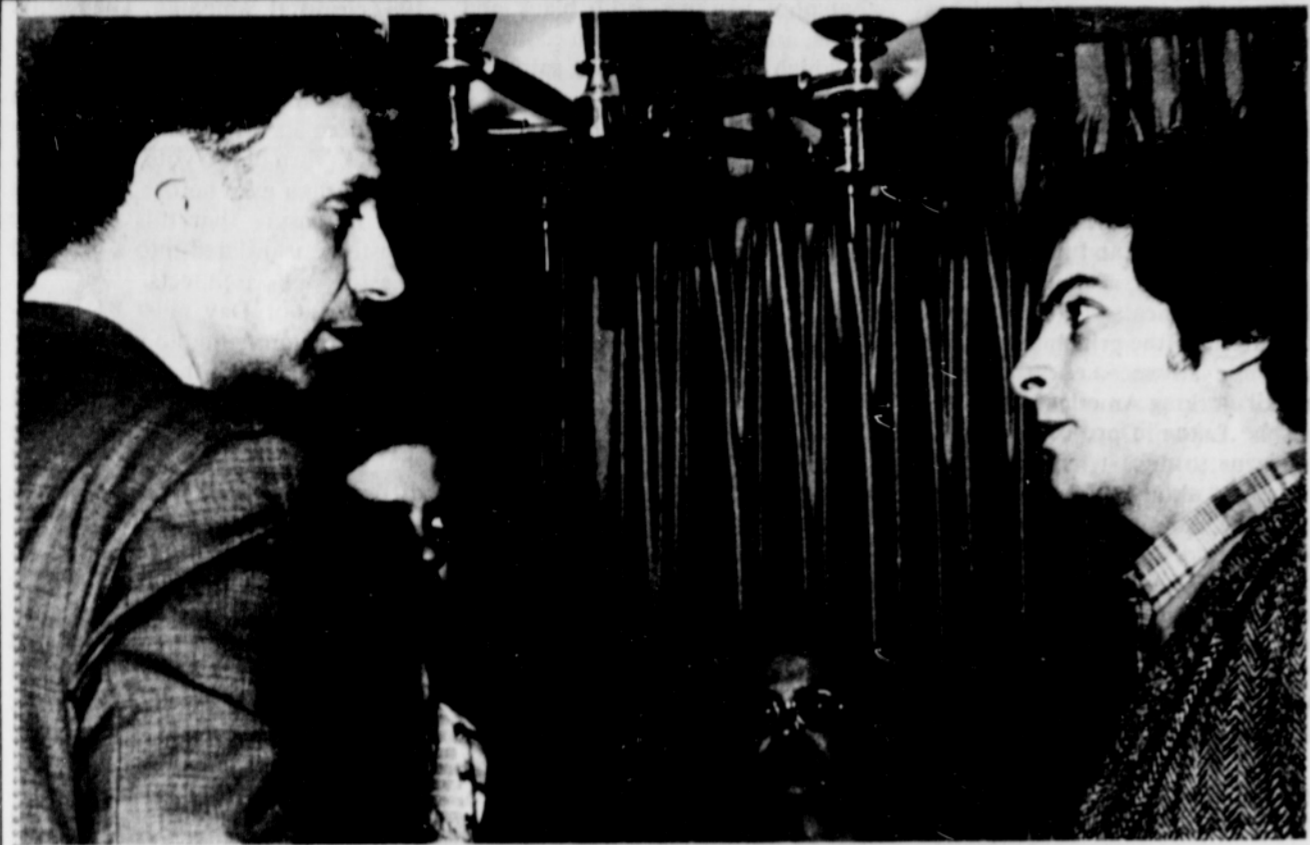


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Gregory Kafoury (right) discusses consumer law with Ralph Nader.

A lawyer for unpopular causes

Grassroot News, NW— The stereotype image of a radical lawyer is one of long hair, beard and raving rhetoric at the courts. Gregory Kafoury defines himself with this term, yet bears none of these conventional notions. At 36, Kafoury is clean-shaven, well-dressed and with Douglas Hagen runs a relatively successful law practice. "In 1971, when I applied to law school, the number of people who applied increased by a factor of three. The major reason for this increase was Ralph Nader, because he showed at a time of grinding repression that one person could stand up and cause things to change. He did this as an attorney, which provided inspiration to an entire generation." Kafoury believes that he tries to do what he can with this principle in mind. "I've made a commitment."

This commitment was made by many attorneys but was kept by only a few. "A lot of people who went into law school with high hopes found out that those hopes slipped away when they left law school. They reasoned a short stay with a large law firm for the experience and later open a revolutionary law commune. The reality is they went to work for a law firm, got married and had a child. All of a sudden they were hooked where they were, 30-year-old experts on municipal bonds needing at least 30

thousand a year just to pay the house notes. So, under these circumstances you are not a very good candidate for doing all the things you once thought you would

Unpopular cases like police brutality are no strangers to Gregory Kafoury. "In 1974, my parther and I hung up a shingle after we graduated from law school and the main source of our income was criminal court appointments. I was really shocked by the number of people who came in and off-handedly explained how the police battered their heads against the sidewalk, etc. . . . No one seemed to be very interested in this complaint. All of a sudden the dam broke, thanks to Des Connel, and people began to realize that the situation went a long way beyond that. I think there has never been a commitment to do anything about police brutality. I find the same names coming up over and over. We have won cases which cost the City of Portland a fair amount of money. And in each case we found out that there was absolutely no discipline taken against the officer. There is no discipline taken against officers if the jury finds perjury or brutality. It does not matter what happens in court. It seems that the whole system is rigged."

In light of Kafoury's experience with this subject, can we as Oregonians seek redress through the sys-

tem? "I think that people need to press all over. If it happens to you, take it to the D.A. and make them take a stand."

Kafoury has been on the right hand for many defendants and explains the reasons for the disproportionate number of minorities incarcerated. "The bum rap that minorities get from the criminal justice system is just the tag-end of the bum rap they get from society. The juries have no idea how it is to grow up in a racist society. But viewing the criminal justice system as the problem is not helpful. It's an extension of the problem, and the problem is society itself."

Oregon's governor is reinstating the death penalty. Does Kafoury believe in it? "Only for Nixon! I always tell my pro-death penalty friends if they let me kill Nixon for using the highest office in the land to destroy democracy then I will let them have some of those poor jerks who got so twisted that they finally exploded. Until we have a system that would really draw the moral conclusions that need to be drawn, it's debasing for us to kill. Now, there are a few really dangerous people out there who need to be put on ice, permanently. But for the society to kill is like beating someone up in handcuffs."

Military budget Hatfield topic

Senator Mark Hatfield, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will speak on "Military Spending: Its Impact at Home and Abroad" on Thursday, September 9th at 7:15 pm in The Portland Hilton. Senator Hatfield is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council and the Planning Executive Institute. No-Host cocktails will be available at 5:45 pm followed by a dinner for \$12.00 at 6:30 pm. Reservations can be made by calling the World Affairs Council.

Senator Hatfield is well known for his stands on foreign policy and defense issues. In this speech, he is going to approach the military spending issues from the economic aspect: What are the impacts of this huge expenditure both here at home and on the rest of the world?

Schools need volunteer nurses

Volunteer registered nurses are needed to provide health care and counseling in Portland-area high schools.

Fourteen local high schools use volunteer nurses to provide health counseling and first aid services. Some 75 nurses volunteer one day per week to help these young adults.

The program is administered by the Multnomah County Education Service District, which is responsible for health care in schools throughout the country. The service qualifies for license renewal.

Orientation sessions will be offered weekly during September. For more information about the program, contact Marion Waterman, RN, at the Volunteer Registered Nurse Program, 777-7436.

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The Queen of Sheba

The queen of Sheba is one of history's greatest heroines, and the story of her visit to King Solomon is well known. Queen Sheba was actually Queen Makeda who ruled Ethiopia from a district named Azab or Asabe or Saba.

Queen Makeda ascended the throne in about 1005 BC on the death of her father, King Kawnasya. She was very rich; her caravans trafficked by sea and land to far places.

On the occasion of her visit to Jerusalem, Queen Makeda was welcomed cordially by Solomon, who housed her in his palace. Queen Makeda spent several months of intense study in Jerusalem; Solomon was her constant companion.

After she returned to her Kingdom, Queen Makeda totally accepted the religion of Israel. To help her extend its growth Solomon told each of his counselors to send his eldest son to Ethiopia to work among the people.



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