

## Letters to the Editor

### Reagan smears nuclear freeze advocates

To the editor:

I was disappointed after reading President Reagan's statement in Ohio impugning the motives of millions of Americans who support a mutual U.S.-Soviet nuclear weapons freeze as an essential, verifiable, first step in halting and reversing the nuclear arms race. The proposal for a mutual freeze is a serious matter which deserves thoughtful attention by our national leaders.

The President's unfortunate remarks show his lack of understanding of the nationwide freeze campaign which is supported by a majority of Americans from all walks of life, including both Republicans and Democrats. His pejorative remarks are an insult to the 112,000 Oregonians who signed the initiative which put Ballot Measure Five on the November ballot.

The nuclear weapons freeze measure has been endorsed by groups and individuals representing civic and organizational leadership of the state. These include: Senaator Mark Hatfield; Congressmen Les Aucoin, James Weaver and Ron Wyden; Bishops Matther Bigliardi and Calvin McConnell; Governor Vic Atiyeh; State Senator Ted Kulongoski; the A.F.L. and C.I.O.; the Audubon Society of Portland; Friends of the Earth; the Oregon Nurses Association, and many others.

The Freeze campaign stands for a safe and secure America, which is why it calls for a bilateral freeze on the production and deployment of nuclear weapons. Every day the arms race continues, we move a step closer to nuclear catastrophe. At the same time, the nuclear arms race weakens us economically. The current, excessively high, military budget contributes to record high deficits and depression level unemployment. It fuels high inflation and drains away resources needed for revitalizing American industry and for meeting urgent human needs.

President Reagan was correct when he said that the U.S.-Soviet nuclear weapons freeze is "sweeping the country." What he seems to ignore is that the nuclear arms freeze is supported by thoughtful and respected persons who understand that freezing the nuclear arms race would enhance our national security and strengthen our economy. This is the common sense approach most Americans support. A Yes Vote on Measure Five is a reflection of this approach.

Sudi Meehan Smoller

### Garlington endorses Chad Debnam

To the editor:

In the minds of many people who were involved in the design process that brought about the 18th District, was the hope of increased minority representation.

The need for minority representation is still with us. Consequently, I am endorsing Chad Debnam as the candidate for your consideration.

I, like most black Americans, am a registered Democrat. However, our community must become sophisticated enough to look beyond mere affiliation to understand critical issues. Minority representation is a critical issue on the Oregon scene.

Chad only needs the votes of a few concerned and enlightened Democrats in the black and white community to be seated in Salem.

This would set the scene for a confrontation (that is if we really get our act together) between a black Democrat and a black Republican.

Paramount at this point would not be minority representation, but Demo/Republican philosophy.

I hope we seize this second opportunity.

Rev. John W. Garlington

### Measure 3 damages zoo

To the editor:

On November 2, 1982, voters will again be faced with a California style property tax limitation measure. Ballot Measure No. 3 is a modified version of initiatives rejected by Oregon voters in 1978 and 1980.

Your Zoo, as a part of the Metropolitan Service District, will be devastated if this measure is allowed to pass.

Among other things, the proposed initiative: (1) effectively prohibits issuance of general obligation bonds used to finance local improvements; (2) adds substantial cost and delay to the ability of local government to provide local improvements, such as sewers, that have been financed with Bancroft bonds; (3) jeopardizes the ability of local governments to replace existing interim financing with long-term financing; and (4) substantially reduces the ability of local governments to obtain loans secured by general fund revenue.

Grant money, used by your Zoo, to finance improvements and new exhibits, could effectively be eliminated as a source of revenue. Ballot Measure No. 3 includes grant money in measuring the total revenue received. There could be no incentive to receive grant money for capital projects since the effect would be to offset tax revenues.

Some would say Metro could raise the fees at the Zoo to support the operation. When the Zoo first separated from the City of Portland it attempted to be more self-sufficient through increased fees. The attempt was a disaster. Raising fees did then, and would now, make the Zoo inaccessible to many in the community and would force an increase in Friends' membership fees. Also, fees are included within total revenue, so there is no incentive at all to fund services through a fee increase.

While your Zoo is extremely important to the community in which we live, our State Legislature, faced with supporting schools, fire districts and other essential services with available revenue, is not going to look with favor on supporting your Zoo.

We are all losers if Ballot Measure No. 3 passes. Your Zoo will be faced with hardships, perhaps insurmountable ones, just as it is becoming one of the finer zoos in this country. California had a tremendous surplus when its property tax measure passes, yet the state is now experiencing severe problems. Oregon is not like our sister state to the south. We do not have excess funds. With this measure, we are seriously jeopardizing our greatest assets.

Paul Romain, President,

Friends of the

Washington Park Zoo

### OAB endorses Kent Ford

To the editor:

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs (OABA) expressed at its October meeting that the outcome of the election in State Representative District 18 is important to the Portland Black Community as well as OABA.

District 18 was formed during legislative reapportionment in 1981 with the stated intent of concentrating the largest percentage of the black population in one district so as to increase the possibilities of a black being elected. The district became known as the "Black District" when it was never, in fact, such a district.

However, the outcome of the 1982 Primary Election in District 18

was a political tragedy for the Portland black community. No black emerged as the candidate for either the Republican or the Democratic Party for the general election. A political tragedy in the sense that Portland local leaders failed to help voters in District 18 to understand which candidate could serve the best interest of the black community and the district. Blacks in Portland seemed to have been looking for the "perfect black candidate."

OABA does not view District 18 as a "Black District." Nor does it feel that a white candidate can't represent the interest of the black community. However, it feels that a black can give more to this representation. And it feels that no white candidate should insult or be condescending to the black community or

its leadership. In any event, the Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs will work with whomever the District 18 Representative is.

The OABA Board of Directors has not been advised of any endorsements of District 18 candidates by any black organizations or local leaders in Portland. But there has been much discussion about how the black community has been insulted by one of these candidates. The Board believes that the District 18 voters want to hear from the black community.

The OABA Board of Directors supports Kent Ford to be the Representative from District 18. It urges all voters of the district to cast their vote for him.

Calvin O.L. Henry  
OABA President

### Cherry chooses Walker

To the editor:

Rep. Howard Cherry, (D-Portland), has endorsed Jimmy Walker in the race for state representative of District 18 in North and Northeast Portland.

"Jimmy Walker is a responsible and effective voice for North and Northeast Portland," Cherry said in a written statement distributed by Democrats for Walker, a Walker campaign group. "He will continue my efforts to ensure state financial support of Portland Public Schools."

Cherry, a member of the Portland Community College Board of Directors, is retiring this year from the

state Legislature after serving six terms in the House of Representatives. District 18, which was left with no incumbent after the legislative reapportionment last year, overlaps much of Cherry's district.

Cherry is passing over a member of his own Democratic Party to tap Walker, nominee of a party he formed in the district called New Districe, New Party.

Walker, 50, a longshoreman and former newspaper publisher who has been involved in several community projects in the area, said he entered the race after Leek won the heavily contested Democratic primary because he felt the nominee was not well acquainted with the people in the district.

Cherry and Walker have served on several citizens committees together over the past ten years, including the Jefferson High School Parents Advisory Committee.

Democrats for Walker

### Vote 'yes' - Measure 7

To the editor:

Observer readers should support Ballot Measure 7—calling for an end to U.S. military aid to the brutal Salvadoran government.

The U.S. is on the wrong side of this war! If anything, we should be sending aid to the rebel opposition.

Most of us—whether workers, small business-people, professionals, students, or farmers; whether liberals, conservatives, socialists, or independents—if we lived in El Salvador we would support the revolutionaries. Only if we were part of a tiny minority—large landowners, major industrialists, high military officials or affiliated with huge U.S. corporate investments in the area—would we support the fascist

butchers now in power.

Opponents to Ballot Measure 7 cry "communist!" and it is true that communists figure prominently among the rebel forces. It is also true that only in rebel-held territory have equitable land reform, literacy and healthcare programs, and representative government prevailed. Since when do decent Americans take the side of fascist death squads and their rich benefactors against the majority's aspirations for democracy, land, and a better life? Which side are you on?

Jamie Partridge  
Frances Partridge  
Harriet Beeman  
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## Whether You Vote for Vic or Ted, Ballot Measure #3 Would Stop Your Man Cold!

Both Atiyeh and Kulongoski want to put Oregon back to work. But Ballot Measure #3 won't let them. Vote No on 3.

### Vote "No #3" for our veterans' sake

#3 would stop our veterans home and farm loan program, ruining what building we still have, adding to our 135,000 unemployed. Who will help the veterans then?

### Vote "No #3" for our seniors' sake

#3 would stop our senior housing program. The elderly couldn't afford to rent or buy. Where will they go?

### Vote "No #3" for safety's sake

#3 would help burglars and arsonists by stopping police and firefighters, because cities would cut payrolls to the bone. So who'll protect your home?

### Vote "No #3" for your children's sake

#3 would stop local control of schools, because the state legislature will decide how much money they get. And who controls the legislature?

### Vote "No #3" for your own sake

#3 would stop our roads, highways, and sewers, because we couldn't bond for them anymore. So who will build them?

### Vote "No #3" for your job's sake

#3 would stop business from coming here. Why should it? Without good roads, schools, sanitation, and police/fire security? Where will industry go?

Both Ted Kulongoski and Vic Atiyeh oppose Ballot Measure #3. They know the truth about it. Now, so do you.

If you want to help get Oregon up off its knees say "NO TO MEASURE #3" —it's a progress stopper!

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