

EDITORIAL/OPINION

None but the best

Six major administrators have retired from the Portland School District including James Fenwick and Area Superintendent Don James.

When Dr. Matthew Prophet accepted the Superintendency he did not bring additional administrators with him as is often the case. (Blanchard brought Donald McElroy, for example.) It is customary for any administrator to have the opportunity to surround himself with people he has learned to trust and respect.

Portland needs an injection of new people and new experiences. Even though the Superintendent is black, Portland has and has always had a great shortage of talented black adminis-

trators. Through the years the administration did not make training and experience available to black people who could have moved into more responsible positions and did not recruit black administrators and specialists.

The vacancies left by the retirements and other vacancies that will occur in the administration should allow Dr. Prophet to bring in the people he feels would contribute most to the School District and its children. Oregonians often have a prejudice against bringing "outsiders" into local positions but often the expertise, experience, and enthusiasm can only be found elsewhere.

Frank passes the gun

Mayor Frank Ivancie is losing his war on crime so he is passing the shotgun to Mildred Schwab.

Ivancie grabbed the gun from Charles Jordan for a shot at the limelight. His efforts to protect the Police Bureau from public interference has failed—the voters approved a new citizen police audit committee.

His blast at petty crime and vagrancy failed—his overkill ordinances have been found to be unconstitutional by nearly everyone but his mercenary attorney. Seeing the great popular success of Jordan's horses, he tried dogs. But even the dogs were rejected.

Now Frank has gone off to the war on unemployment and left Commissioner Schwab to deal with the criminals—uniformed and plain-clothed.

The job of Police Commissioner is an extremely important and sensitive one. Commissioner Schwab has a tendency to identify closely with her bureaus and to reject criticism. We hope she will remember all those things she said

about the Police Bureau when it belonged to Ivancie, and act accordingly. The people—and especially black people and other minorities—must feel that they can get a second opinion when it comes to encounters with the police.



Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

If our race is to survive, we must immediately begin to deprogram our minds and our children's minds from institutionalized "whiteness."

Nowhere in the planet earth does there collectively exist a people who think, act, dress, and speak exactly as their enemies and oppressors. We have been enslaved, denatured, re-trained, and transformed into imitation caucasoid people. For this, even caucasoid Americans who expect us to agitate and struggle against their oppression, hold us in contempt.

Our minds have been programmed to hate ourselves and all who look like us. In essence, we have been programmed to act out the violence and hatred which caucasoid people naturally have for people of color, especially their antithesis in black. The result of this restrained nature is the monumental surge of black-on-black crime even after so-called integration and better jobs, which most of us can't find.

The most respected of our black leaders were those who challenged the status quo and sounded the trumpet for change. Today we have been appointed leaders, who oftentimes are unaccountable to black people, nothing more than trained watchdogs who bark in case of present danger to master and mistress. Caucasoids fight amongst themselves to get rid of ineffective parasites, but when we fight, we always get rid of those who will do us the most collective good.

Marcus Garvey, one of the first and finest of true black leadership,

was first slaughtered in the minds of other jealous and envious black men. These same black men went to the government to conspire with the state on how to crucify Mr. Garvey. He came unto his own and his own received him not.

Elijah Muhammad and his student Malcolm X received a tremendous amount of hassle from caucasoid Amerika. Would it be above conjecture to say that both were wearied endlessly by the attacks, from other black people? Malcolm, as you know, was shot down in cold blood by black government agents.

Leaders which caucasoid Amerika pick for us are acceptable because these leaders will in fact continue to render us defenseless and powerless in a world built on defense and power. Leaders whom The Supreme Architect sends, we collectively seem to reject because they will awaken our higher selves to a way of life many of us seem to be afraid of—independence and self-sufficiency. Therefore, I challenge us to begin new re-education and re-development which will be dependent on new thoughts, values, and progressive action. Too often what we pass off as black progressive values are merely caucasoid values painted black.

We must first and foremost introduce affirmative action among ourselves; affirming our own special beauty and heritage, culture! The minds of our children must be taught from birth to propagate and reproduce our own kind and work for our own kind.

Black women, reinforce to your young black boys the necessity of marrying and honoring black

womanhood. Let them know that marrying out of the race also takes money out of the black community. If a black man, who has been raised and disciplined by the labor and perseverance of a black woman, later becomes successful and takes a caucasoid wife, with the rate of black-on-black crime, what happens to the money, property, and assets of that black man should something happen to him? Of course the caucasoid woman becomes rich and the money goes back into the caucasoid community.

Brother Ron Herndon would agree, affirmative, independent black institutions will teach our people that self-preservation is the first law of nature. The Mormons teach their own, as do the Italians in New Jersey, the Irish in Chicago, the caucasoid Jews, and of course the Anglo-Saxons. Why can't Portland be that authentic cultural mecca to Blacks?

Needless to say, black people are taught by everybody but ourselves and we end up fighting for the liberation from oppression for everyone but ourselves and our kind. The master don't send us to South Africa to fight for the liberation of black people. Why? Case in point, black men fight harder for the liberation of caucasoid women from caucasoid men, while black women still remain oppressed and at the bottom of everybody's ladder.

Under scientific slavery and racism, if a highly technologized society, just control the mind, and the body will follow.

Dr. Jamil Cherovee



Wish her well

by Herb L. Cawthorne

The NAACP has a new leader. Hazel Hays, the venerable chairperson of the Oregon Parole Board, was elected president on Sunday, December 12. She defeated Bernard Richardson, who has long been active in NAACP affairs and works for the Portland General Electric Company.

Ms. Hays was nominated from the floor during a meeting at which the mantle of leadership was supposed to be passed without fanfare from Lucious Hicks to Mr. Richardson. The challenge was unexpected. It may be that Bernard Richardson was a victim of the frustration with the NAACP's leadership. In addition, he was no doubt hampered by the growing concern that the NAACP has been infiltrated by large energy companies. At any rate, the Portland NAACP may be on the verge of a new era of leadership—and thank goodness for that.

In almost every measure, Lucious Hicks was a disappointment. His tenure as president of the NAACP was welcomed with anticipation and the hope of active leadership. At the time the community was smack dab in the middle of the struggle to change the so-called integration program in the public schools. Composed and confident, Hicks appeared on television threatening that the NAACP might take the district to court. "We want some accountability," he said.

After a rather bitter victory over Reverend John Jackson, the election of Hicks was like the changing of the guard. I was one of those optimistic ones. In 1979, I wrote, "Lucious Hicks has a vision for the local branch of the NAACP. It is a vision which is developing and taking positive shape. As he gains the appreciation of more and more in the black community... he will get his program moving and those who have been reluctant to join in the realization of that vision can come aboard." As much as I hate to admit it, my words were wishful thinking, a tendency which I must constantly guard against. The hope was misplaced—like expecting the tooth fairy to put fifty dollars under your pillow when your parents make an income far below the poverty level.

Lucious Hicks could not pull the elements of the NAACP together. He could not execute his plans. He tried to be the "entire team" when the basic foundation of the NAACP became alienated from him. "He did not have the drive to bring in the young and he lost the old," one observer noted.

Unfortunately, perhaps, Bernard Richardson was the victim of the frustration members and people in the community felt with Lucious Hicks. But Richardson carried another liability as well. There is a growing concern that the energy companies are making a concerted

effort to influence the direction of the NAACP, both nationally and locally. True or not, Bernard Richardson, who works for PGE, suffered from the impression. The fact that Lucious Hicks went to work for Pacific Power and Light Company furthered the impression.

Bernard Richardson would not have made a poor president in certain specific ways. He would have brought the thoughtful process of research and deliberation that provides issues to the more aggressive organizations. He may have spoken out in a surprising manner. This role would have given him the platform. I think he has the courage.

Thus, what was expected by the present leadership to be an easy transfer of power ultimately became a difficult uphill battle when Hazel Hays was nominated from the floor at the NAACP meeting several weeks ago. Hazel Hays has been involved in the NAACP since she was 17 years old. In her professional and civic life, she has defended the poor and struggling side of American life. She is known for her candor and her extraordinary energy. She may not be the tower of organization and process which the local branch badly needs, but she will be known for her articulate voice, her courage to speak forthrightly on the issues, and her commitment to improving the black condition.

I wish her well.

Reagan "revolution" attacks poor

by Frank Goheen

We know that Ronald Reagan has vowed to bring about a "free market" so-called revolution in America and everywhere else in the world he can. Culling the quick economics of Milton Friedman, Representative Jack Kemp, and numerous others for what he can add to his own crackpot ideas, Reagan has brought misery to at least 12 million households in America through the scourge of unemployment, and even greater misery to the people of the favored dictatorships abroad that receive money and the sophisticated instruments of war for use, not against aggressors, but their own population. In Chile, where Friedmanite economics have been imposed on an unwilling population by a brutal pro-U.S. dictatorship, unemployment is 25 percent and inflation, for all that, is still over 40 percent. There is no unemployment compensation or social security. Quite simply, those without work either beg for a living or starve to death. While it is doubtful Reagan and his wealthy cronies would bring such a thing to pass in the United States, there can be little doubt that they serve the interests of the privileged classes, and no one else.

We have reason enough to know that high unemployment brings misery in its wake, even with unemployment compensation and social security. Thanks to Ronald Reagan and his miniature counterparts in Oregon and Washington, Governors Atiyeh and Spellman, the Northwest knows double-digit unemployment with no relief in sight and the pressures on family stability growing ever greater. Several thousand people have committed suicide nationwide because of their inability to find work in the Reagan-induced recession. I guess that makes President Reagan accessory to several thousand violent and tragic deaths. We should not suppose that people in high offices, surrounded by plush carpets and attended to by batteries of aides and computers are incapable of great crimes. Ronald Reagan does not have to worry about where his next meal comes from, but in a city in Florida the "law-abiding"

city council actually discusses a resolution to spray rat poison on the garbage cans in which the homeless were rummaging for food. Reagan can spout off about free markets and free enterprise because he does not have to see the millions who have no work, no hope, and no shelter. Safely and snugly cloistered in the White House, he and wife Nancy can enjoy their privileged existence while posing as great guardians of morality, decency and the American Way of Life.

It is no wonder President Reagan, Secretary of State George Schultz, and all of that wild bunch are so enamored of the pitiless and selfish dictatorships of Central and South America: secretly, deep down, they would like to bring about something similar in the United States, and the legacy of over a hundred years of reform can be damned. We can go back to the days of Rutherford B. Hayes or William McKinley, and all will be well with the world and the stock markets. Reaganomics has been the operative principle of economics in Latin America for 500 years, and we can discern its effect on the people of that region. Even here in our own Northwest, thousands are allowed to fall through the so-called "safety net" because the rest of society—the "polite" and the "decent" people of the region—have theirs, and will be damned if they will share with anyone else. This is in the richest nation in the world. In poor nations such as those run by the people Reagan admires, the poor simply starve or die of some preventable disease. We are headed for an era of darkness and misery such as we have not seen since the 1930s, and the social fabric will unravel. Messrs. Spellman and Atiyeh, toadies and servants of big business, as Reagan is, are shoving down our throats the economics of death and suffering for the multitudes while the tiny minority of wealthy wax fat and sassy off of everyone else.

Ronald Reagan's "revolution" is not characterized by firing squads and guillotines of malnutrition,

homelessness, increased crime, and misery for everyone who doesn't have a friend in the closed circle of oligarchs around Reagan. Oh, some are getting rich who aren't really bosom pals of Reagan, but they are a small minority. For the rest of us, the reality of Reaganism is 12 million unemployed, 1.6 million who have given up looking for work, and 6 million who work only short hours because that is all there is available. Unemployment is the highest it has been in 42 years because both Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan wanted it that way. (I play no political favorites, for both parties are responsible for our economic malaise.) All to fight "inflation," you know. In a kind of survival of the fittest, the weak and the disabled will be shoved off the dole to get out and "work." Unfortunately, there is no work for anyone who has less than a Ph.D., or a desire to snuggle up to the bosom of a multinational corporation whose ethics would make La Cosa Nostra blush with shame were they revealed for all the world to see.

Is it any wonder that the starving and diseased multitudes of Brazil—the 60 or 70 million who live below the minimum subsistence level—are less important in Reagan's eyes than the few hundred martini-sipping bankers and businesspersons in the Sao Paolo auditorium where he spoke during his journey? He cares nothing for the poor of his own nation, so why should he care about the even greater numbers of poor in a land far away with a government he agrees with? The time has come to cast away and forget about the idea that Ronald Reagan is a "nice" guy, as are Spellman and Atiyeh. All three are apostles of misery, servitude, poverty, selfishness, and decay. No other conclusion is possible. To see their handiwork, all you have to do is look around you and gaze at the lines of unemployed and the homeless people who sleep over heating vents and in public lavatories because they have nowhere else to go.

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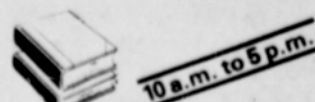
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