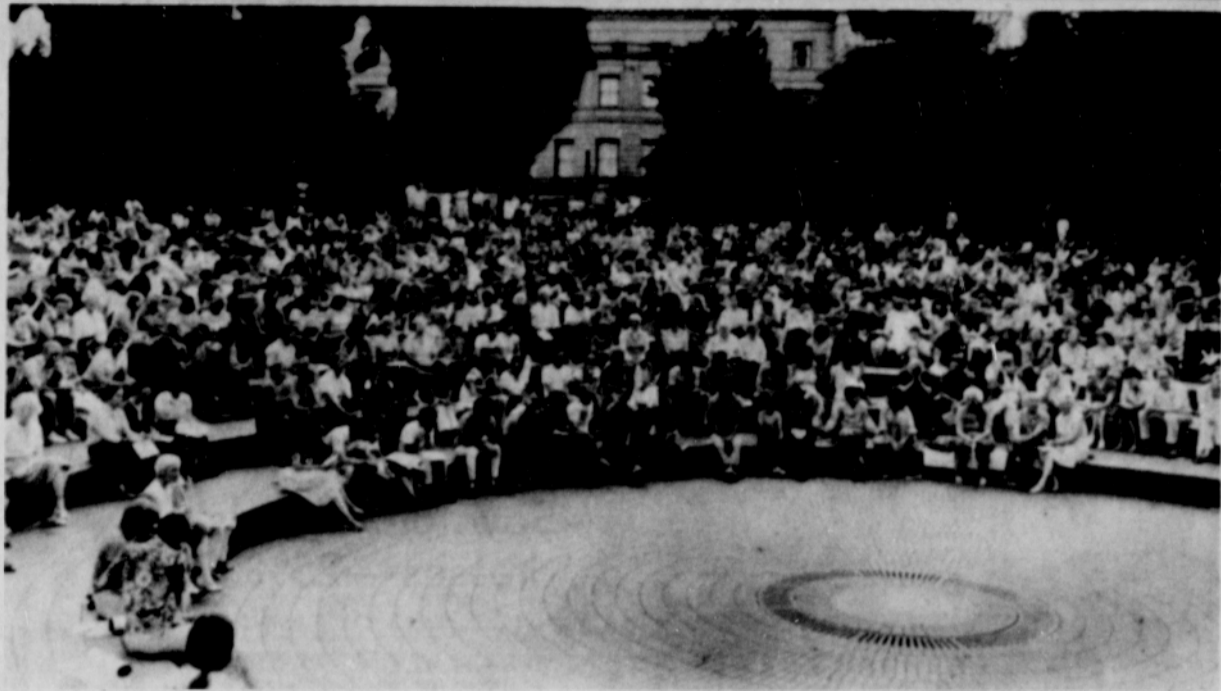


# METROPOLITAN



Over 500 Portlanders, many too young to remember, reflect on war, peace and the nuclear age during Saturday's commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Bombing relived, peace vows renewed

**GRASSROOTS NEWS, N.W.**  
Over five hundred people gathered downtown at the Terry Shunk Plaza last Saturday night to hear and support music, poetry and speakers that commemorated the 38th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

"We have gotten together a lot of artists who felt very strongly and wanted to make an individual statement about how they reacted to the bombing," said Peter Janke from Performing Artists for Nuclear Disarmament.

Nora Hallett of the Fellowship of Reconciliation says she believes the Northwest has a special responsibility for what occurred in Hiroshima. "The plutonium for the bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki was produced at Hanford, Washington — up-river from Portland."

"Historically, Portland has used this day as a time of thoughtfulness and to try to get back in touch with our humanity. We are all victims of Hiroshima and a nuclear war that is continuing. It is invisible because radiation is invisible, but it affects us in so many insidious ways."

After their cultural exchange in the park the participants walked silently to the waterfront in a candlelight vigil. "The Willamette River

flows out into the ocean and connects up by water to the river in Hiroshima," Hallett said.

August 6 also marked the beginning of the Fast for Life. Peter Janke says, "Nine people will begin to offer their lives to say that something must be done. Open-ended fasting, because of the life risks involved, has a way of speeding up decision-making. The International Conference of the Fast for Life has issued an appeal which calls on people to act and act soon in a significant way to end the nuclear arms race."

There are three centers where the fast is taking place — Oakland, California; Paris, France; and Bonn, West Germany. Two of the nine fasters are Americans — both are from Oregon.

Janke said he believes the development of nuclear weapons for defense does not promote a feeling of security. "The more sophisticated the weapons are, the closer we are to a situation of launch-on-warning where human decision is removed."

"We need to work towards putting more money into peace and international cooperation instead of taking the stance of good guys vs. bad guys."

Early in the wee hours of the morning, over two hundred people

participated in the "Shadow Project" in which the outline of human figures were drawn on sidewalks throughout Portland. Janke explains, "The shadows represent human forms in various attitudes they would be in during the course of a day. We have a mother and a child, a man in a wheelchair and lovers in a tender embrace. If a one megaton bomb was to be exploded over Portland they would be instantly vaporized. The human body is 80 percent water and in the heat of the bomb, which is greater than the surface of the sun, the human body would just evaporate."

"In Hiroshima, when the bomb was detonated, people who were within three hundred yards of the center of the explosion left behind shadows where the intense radiation whitened their human outline."

To Oregonians, Janke stated, "This day should be an occasion to think about how we are spending our resources in the wrong way. Also a time to think about what has happened over the last two years where people were not talking about this issue. Today, it is on the news and in the papers daily. It is in the forefront of the politicians' minds and I think it will be a big issue in the 1984 campaign."

## Richardson named to PECl post



George Richardson will serve on the board of Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (Photo: Kennell-Ellis, Creative Photography)

George E. Richardson, Jr., community leader and corporate executive, has been appointed by Mayor Frank Ivancie and confirmed by the City Council to serve on the board of directors of Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.

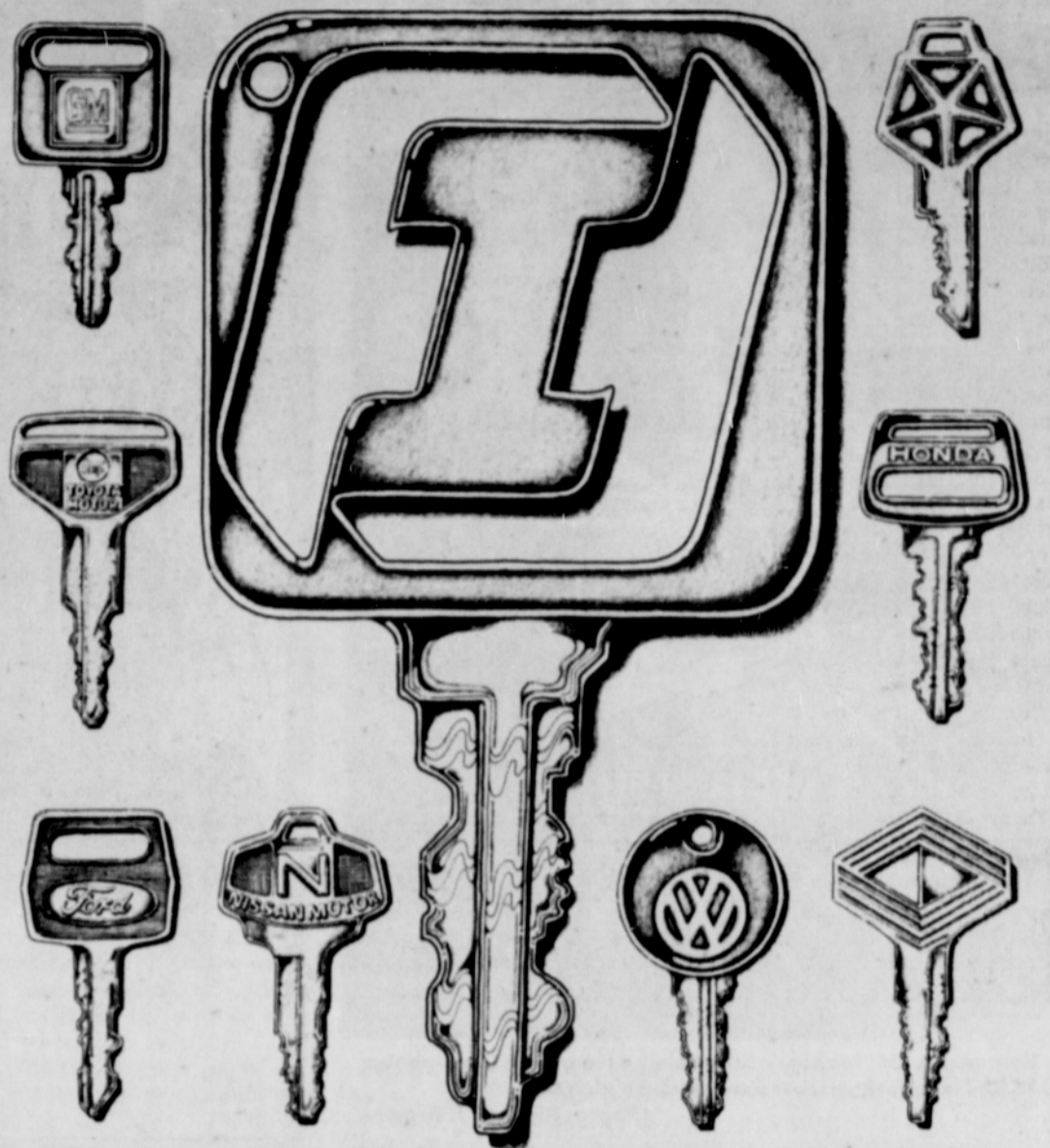
PECl is a non-profit corporation, responsible for development and implementation of programs necessary to execute the city's energy conservation policy.

"Conservation is vitally important to the people in this city, the Pacific Northwest, and the country," stated Mr. Richardson. "We must husband our energy resources, not just for economic reasons, but also the independence of our nation. I am honored to serve PECl."

Mr. Richardson, 44, has lived in Portland 19 years, where he is the supervisor of budget control for Northwest Natural Gas Company. He has also been active in his community. Mr. Richardson has served the public and his profession through many organizations.

He is currently treasurer and board member of the Senior Adult Service Center of Near Northeast Portland, Inc., and a member of the Planning Executives Institute. He is also a charter member of the Black Oregonians for Business Political Action Committee.

Mr. Richardson has served on the boards of directors of the N.W. Gasco Federal Credit Union, the Portland Opportunities and Industrialization Center, and the National Association of Accountants. In addition, he has been a member of the Oregon Television and Radio Service Advisory Board.



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