

METROPOLITAN



NEW QUEEN/OLD KING — Barbara Althouse, the 1983-84 Queen of the Hobos, gives moral support to Marcell "Buttons" Hansen, the 1982-83 King of the Hobos, who recently announced his

political ambitions by declaring: "I am going to seek the mayor's office in 1984."

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

King of the Hobos enters mayor's race

by Nathaniel Scott

As hobos, street people and the down and out prepare for Portland's Third Annual Hobo Parade, Sunday, August 21, the 1982-83 hobo king gears up for a political fight.

Marcell "Buttons" Hansen, the 1982-83 King of the Hobos, according to Michael Stoops, co-founder of Baloney Joes and "Buttons" campaign manager, "has decided to run for mayor."

In addition, Stoops announced that the 1983-84 king and queen, whose selection "is not based on race, income, sex or looks," are, Richard Huntley and Barbara Althouse.

"Buttons" said he decided to run for mayor because "some of the policies that Mr. Ivancie have are against the poor people in the Burnside area." Moreover, he said, he is against the Greyhound Depot proposed move to Old Town because it will leave many a street person without a place to rest their weary heads.

According to "Buttons," a number of street people "sleep in the pit parking lot." The lot that he makes reference to is located on NW 6th

and Glisan.

Furthermore, "Buttons" said, "Portland needs more low-income housing and jobs

In addition to jobs and housing, "Buttons" sees the need to attack crime more strenuously.

According to him, since the inception of the Guardian Angels, crime has become "controlled" in some areas and the police are doing a "pretty good" job, but, "If I was elected mayor," he said, "I would declare war on the jackrollers... and other crime, too."

"Buttons," 51, has resided in Portland approximately 13 years. He is a native of New York City and has a degree in mathematics from the University of Tennessee at Nashville. Retired from the Marine Corps, he is self-employed; nightly he can be seen in North and Northeast Portland picking up wine bottles. The bottles are sold to Baloney Joes for a penny each. "Buttons" said he once earned \$30 in one night. Of which, he proudly proclaimed, "That's a fair night's wages." Computation-wise, at a penny each, \$30 represents 3,000

bottles. Indeed, I would say, that's a fair amount of bottles to be handled by one whose only vice is the enjoyment of a good smoke. "Buttons" preference is Rigoletto Palma Grande cigars.

"Buttons' strategy," according to Stoops, is to "split the ticket and force a run-off."

"This will be the first time in recent history that we (the Burnside community) have run a Burnside resident," Stoops said. "In 1986 we are going to run a full slate."

"Buttons" said he is able to debate different issues and Stoops said it will be a good, clean campaign. He added with the twitch of a smile, "We want Ivancie to vote for Buttons in '84."

The Hobo Parade, Sunday, August 21, will begin in the North Park Blocks, NW 8th and Everett, at noon, and wind its way to Waterfront Park. Featured at Waterfront Park will be guest speakers, music, food, soft drinks, and "Buttons," Stoops said. Any "Buttons" for mayor campaign contributions can be mailed to Baloney Joes, 313 E. Burnside Street, 97214.

were taken up by the revolution," he said.

Partridge now hopes to speak before community groups and union forums about his experience. One of the messages he'd like to bring to Portlanders is what Reagan administration and CIA support of remnants of Somoza's right-wing National Guard represents.

"Contras" invading from neighboring Honduras are continuing the terror, mutilations and murder which characterized the Somoza regime, and are trying to destroy the positive achievements of the revolution, he said.

He spoke of rural residents who scrimped and saved and worked cooperatively to build the first community center for their village. When it was completed, they threw a large party, and the center became a place for classes and community meetings. Just weeks after completion, however, he said, contras burned the building to the ground.

The population endures in spite of such attacks, he said, because hundreds of thousands have become involved in running their communities for the first time. An emphasis on "informed participation" and "participatory democracy" is evident in a massive 6-month-long nationwide discussion of the "law of the relationship of women, men and children," for instance, he said. Also, he said, over 600,000 Nica-

raguans participate in the CDS organization — Sandinista Defense Committees — community groups which carry out revolutionary reforms at the local level.

"The main emphasis is on eliminating hunger," he said. "It's still an extremely poor country." Land which had been owned by the Somoza family is being turned over to agricultural cooperatives, he said, and the stranglehold of an export-related economy which drained the country's resources is being broken. Coffee and sugar production is de-emphasized and production of essential food crops — corn, rice and beans — has increased 40%.

Partridge said that a massive literacy campaign is aimed at bringing those who can't read out of the dark ages, and at training people to fill gaps in the technical and managerial work force. "Half the population in Nicaragua are involved in some kind of education program right now," he said. "There's a saying, 'all Nicaragua is a school.'" Neighborhood committees are also conducting a nationwide campaign to eliminate diseases that have plagued poor Nicaraguans — polio, malaria and typhoid. Experts train neighborhood volunteers on how to give shots, and they in turn teach others, said Partridge.

The revolution is responsible for a 78% increase in union membership, according to Partridge, from 8% to

KGW "manipulates" meaning

Defense protestors misunderstood

by Chuck Goodmacher

Nine-thirty a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 1983, Portland, Oregon. Seven people peacefully occupy a branch office of the Defense Logistics Agency. By early afternoon the protestors are physically removed by officers of the Federal Protective Service, cited for a violation, and released. Later, on KGW's 5 o'clock news, the general public is told today's peace movement is small and resorting to staged media events.

What really transpired Wednesday morning in the old Federal Building at 511 N.W. Broadway? Were the protestors merely staging an event to win coverage by the major media? Is their action a sign of the desperation of today's peace movement?

Or were the protestors motivated by a higher, moral imperative? Did they feel responsible as human beings for interrupting the "business-as-usual" implementation of America's "morally-criminal policies" of preparing for nuclear annihilation and supporting "dictatorships" in El Salvador, Guatemala and elsewhere?

A statement of purpose, delivered early Wednesday along with a press release, indicated the protest "is aimed at interrupting the business-as-usual of the kind of bureaucratic mass-homicide that is typified by the Defense Logistics Agency's activities." KGW-Channel Eight, filmed a shot of a protest supporter delivering a press release as if that act itself was newsworthy.

Once inside, protestors quietly spoke with office staff about their work which insures "quality control" and "on-time" delivery of both nuclear and conventional weaponry. Protestors read aloud their statement of purpose and excerpts from several sources including: martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero's letters, the Nuremberg codes, and Hannah Arendt's classic book *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*.

One staff member cried and several became notably upset. The KGW reporter napped through much of the occupation.

Seeking to avoid a legal confrontation, the acting director of the office, Alan Hadely, met with the protestors. After a cordial exchange (in which Hadely admitted to never having had a previous discussion on the possibility of disarmament) six officers of the Federal Protective Service arrived on the scene.

At about 12:30 the occupiers were told their continued presence "is not

sanctioned" and they must leave. "We're not used to this kind of confrontation where people are drug out of rooms and so on," said one officer.

Following a warning period, the protestors were "placed outside the office" — the words of Lt. Dudkiewicz. The protestors thanked the officers "for being gentle with us" and then sat down in the hallway. The protestors were arrested and given a court date (August 30) to answer charges of violating "conformity to verbal directions of a Federal Police Officer."

The protest was over by 2 p.m.: the delivery of some weapons for use in Central America and elsewhere around the globe had been disrupted for several hours; Defense Department employees were directly confronted with the complicity of their actions; and perhaps the public would become more sensitive to the

protestors' concerns. KGW-TV, however, reported a different story.

The T.V. news coverage began with the narrator stating that the protestors tried to "manipulate" news media. Although the reporter and film crew were present at the protest for 2½ hours, not one protestor was interviewed. The narrator commented that the statements read were only for the media and then submitted as evidence the fact that one protestor nervously eyed the camera while speaking aloud. Finally, the narrator stated KGW-TV would not cover the protestors' court appearance.

KGW has since refused to grant equal time for the protestors to refute the charges of staging the protest only to "manipulate the media" on the grounds that their coverage was a news report and not an editorial statement.

"SUMMER SALE" CURL SALE

TCB Curl Regular \$65.00
NOW \$40.00

(Includes Cut, Curl, Conditioner and Style)

Cellophane Hair Color Regular \$20.00-\$25.00
NOW \$10.00

Hair Cuts Regular \$15.00-\$20.00
NOW \$10.00

butch coors

Hair Design For Men & Women
1410 N.E. Broadway, Portland, Oregon
284-1897

With this coupon Offer expires August 31, 1983

With this coupon Offer expires August 31, 1983

Portland Cleaning Works

Back to School Special



Aug. 22 thru Sept. 3
Hurry — Hurry

5 to 20% off
Portland Cleaning Works

3954 N. Williams 282-8361
Must pick up in 30 days

INTERESTING FACTS

brought to you every week by

AMERICAN STATE BANK
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

A person breathes seven quarts of air every minute.

Graham crackers, graham bread, and graham flour owe their name to Sylvester Graham, a nineteenth century American pure-food enthusiast, who first announced that this flour had excellent nutritive value.

Benjamin Franklin was the first head of the U.S. postal system.

The Library of Congress contains about 300 miles of shelf space and about 40 acres of floor space.

We do not do business with South Africa.



American State Bank
AN INDEPENDENT BANK
Head Office
2737 N. E. Union
Portland, Oregon 97212

(Continued on P. 3, Col. 1, bottom)