

Republican pins poverty programs



Commissioner Charles Jordan listens as LeGree Daniels, Chairman of the National Black Republican Council, discusses partisan politics at a community forum.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

by Lanita Duke

Grassroot News, N.W.—The Political monopoly enjoyed by the Democratic Party over Black Americans was attacked last Wednesday by LeGree Daniels, Chairman of the National Black Republican Council.

At a luncheon forum sponsored by Commissioner Charles Jordan, Daniels said, "Black Americans have been willing to pay too much in political support for too many government programs and policies in which some worked and others didn't. This resulted in dependency rather than independence and fostered a deterioration of the Black family."

Daniels said she also believed these programs were the cause of a quarter of Black America's still living in poverty, and that these programs dismiss real economic incentive.

"As Black Americans we have allowed the Democratic Party to enjoy a monopoly on a product (votes) which is also marketed by another firm, the Republican Party. There is something fundamentally wrong with this arrangement. Too many Blacks have allowed the Democratic Party to design, decide and distribute government programs and policies as they saw fit."

Daniels wants Black Americans to participate in the established two-party system to gain and exercise economic power. "We must be able to walk on both sides of the aisle. The two-party system has worked for every ethnic group in this country. I'm positive it can work for

us." She said she believes Black people are standing on the outside looking in because of their allegiance to the Democratic Party. "Except for the FDR years Republicans occupy the White House eight to twelve years out of every twenty. It makes no sense to me for Blacks to be standing on the outside eight to twelve years waiting for a Democrat to occupy the White House."

"As long as we believe the Republican Party is our enemy then the hopes of the Democrats will take us all for granted. It doesn't make sense that we can give ninety percent allegiance and get ten percent back."

During the question and answer period that followed her address, Daniels said she believed that administration has not counted on the Black vote. "But as a politician I will go where the votes are. When you have people in Washington who are saying the main agenda for Black people is to get rid of Reagan then you would go where the votes are first and secondly pick up what you have left behind."

Daniels also believes that Rev. Jesse Jackson's campaign could help both established political parties by increasing voter registration. "What are Black people going to do after they register to vote? We have a history of voting against something and not for something or someone. I do not believe Black people have the power to elect Jesse Jackson. What if white America withheld their dollars from us? How would Jesse run?"

"Buttons" butts out

Marc "Buttons" Hansen, the only publicly announced candidate for Mayor, has decided to drop out of the race for the Portland Mayoral post.

Following the example of Rick Bauman, Tom Higgins, Pauline Anderson and others, Buttons is also dropping out as he feels that this city is not ready for a person from Skid Road to serve as its Mayor.

Buttons said, "I have come to the

realistic conclusion that the 'Hill People,' that is, the rich people in Portland's West Hills, would never support my campaign and would probably make life miserable for me if I won the race."

In bowing out of the race, Buttons will be building his political and financial power-base over the next several years in anticipation of running for City Council in 1986.

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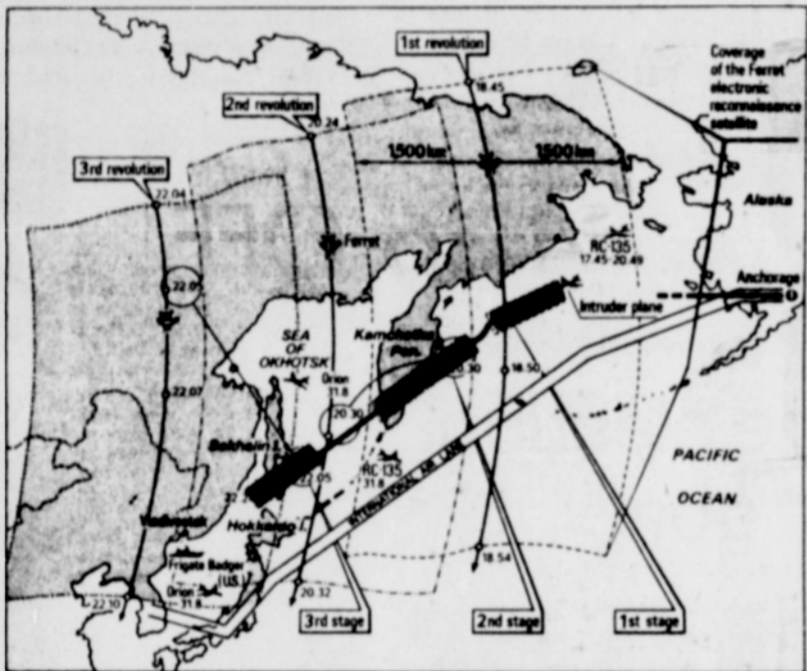
A \$1 billion claim for damages has been filed against the U.S. Federal Aviation Commission (FAA) by relatives of victims of the Korean Air Lines flight 007. The claim, filed by New York attorney Aaron Broder, is based on the grounds that the airliner deliberately entered Soviet airspace with the knowledge of the U.S. government.

The claim for personal injury and wrongful death was filed on behalf of Betty Lim, widow of scientist Dr. Jong Lim. Broder is a member of the law firm of F. Lee Bailey, who won the nation's largest negligence case—\$7 million against McDonnell Douglas Corp. and American Airlines in the 1979 DC-10 crash in Chicago. The firm is expected to represent "a substantial number of others" in the Korean Air Lines incident.

According to the FAA, that agency will probably reject the suit, allowing it to be filed directly in Federal District Court. All suits against the federal government must first be filed against the appropriate agency—in this case, FAA.

Broder said the fact that the airliner was directly over the most sensitive area of the U.S.S.R. "suggests to me that it was a deliberate willful plan to gather intelligence."

Further evidence for the contention was expressed in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* on September



Map published in USSR media shows path of Flight 007 coordinated with surveillance satellite, and the Frigate Badger and Orion and RC-136 spy planes.

4th, paraphrasing a statement of an intelligence source who said, "Moscow may have tolerated overflights of its airspace in the past, but not this time because it may have been engaged in unusually sensitive military activity—perhaps the reason that would have drawn the Korean airliner so deep into its territory."

Many questions about the flight

and the actions of U.S. and Japanese ground central remain unanswered and as new information gradually slips out, many people are becoming suspicious of the U.S. involvement.

"It suggests to me," Broder said, "that the Reagan Administration has learned a great deal more about the U.S. involvement, and that the

President is anxious to turn public attention away from the catastrophe."

Broder recently learned from a General Keegan, a retired U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer, that there have been more than a score of infringements of Soviet airspace in the same general area, all by KAL flights.

Dixon heads PCC business center

Lake Oswego resident Arthur G. Dixon, Jr., has been hired by Portland Community College as project director for the Cascade Small Business Center currently under construction at PCC's Cascade Campus in North Portland.

Dixon is founder of Metro Building Maintenance and Rio Pacific Corporation. He has served as president for both firms since 1980, developing sales of over \$600,000 during their first two years of operation.

Dixon was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and attended college in New Mexico. He has an MBA in management from Eastern New Mexico University. He spent three years as a staff auditor with the United States Air Force Audit Agency, worked as a management intern and later as a contract negotiator with the Department of Energy and was Internal Auditor for Tri-Met.



Arthur G. Dixon, Jr., Project Director for the Cascade Small Business Center.

Dixon is a member of the Association of MBA Executives (AMBA), the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. In his spare time he enjoys raising and showing German Shepherds, travel, and a number of sports.

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