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C.B.: Communication, recreation Club

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Grassroot News, N.W.—Breaker, Breaker, get your ears keyed up, because there is an organization of men and women in Portland who use the communications of Citizen Band radios to assist one another under the banner of the All-City C.B. Club.

Citizen Band radios or CBs were a fad in the early 1970s. As the signals faded on this fad a group of Portlanders who were introduced to CB-ing during this period found out that they dug it and kept their ears on.

Their handles (names they call themselves) range from Low Down Dirty Snake, Magic, Brain Damage, Skull, Stoney, Boss, Buzzard, L.A. Wolf, and Trackdown. On any day you can hear these brothers rapping politics, economics, day-to-day problems and love on C.B. Channel 22.

Brain Damage said, "I use my CB for communication. It is a hobby. We have a lot of fun with one another now. Now, it is a competition within one another. We come out and key on [talk to] each other. That means we all come out and talk at the same time. It is like a verbal wrestling match. The one who breaks through is the winner."

Magic said, "Because of our jobs and families we can't visit one another. The CB keeps us in touch. We do not use our CB for road conditions to try to outrun the police. We help our own sick people and when the weather gets bad we use our CBs to help one another get to work. If we hear of a sick person in the community who cannot get around we communicate that and share what we have with them."

Trackdown said, "In case of an emergency and you can't call for anyone you just call Trackdown. I'll key up on all these boys right here and get you some help."

Low-Down Dirty Snake said the All City CB Club assisted him in his hour of need. "My baby brother died last month and the CB-ers all



All-City C.B. Club members: Skull, Stoney, Track Down, Brain Damage, Magic, Snake, Boss, Buzzard and

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pitched in and came up with quite a few hundred dollar bills. I didn't even ask them. That was one hell of a thing that they did and I will do my best to help someone else."

It has been said that you will not realize what a racist town Portland is until you listen to some of the white CB-ers. Snake said a lot of what they say on their CBs I couldn't print. "Jungle Bunny, Nigger and all kinds of monies. When I hear this I don't believe in turning the other cheek. I talk just as nasty back to them as I can because I'm Low-Down Dirty Snake!"

Other members of the club will save the racist talk for Mr. Snake to

handle. Not only does Snake handle the racists of the city but occasionally Snake will key up his CB and bring awareness to his channel by talking about Black colleges, African History and Ronnie Herndon.

The All-City CB Club of Portland takes care of their own. Their love for talking does not mean they love to hear themselves talk. They use their CB as a link to each other and as an SOS in their time of need.

Television program reveals 'life' after nuclear war

After nearly three years of development and production, *The Day After*, a dramatic two-hour, 15-minute motion picture that will portray with stark realism the catastrophe of a nuclear confrontation and its devastating effect on a group of average American citizens, will be telecast as a special "ABC Theatre" presentation, Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8:00 p.m., on KATU-TV, Channel Two.

"We have lived for nearly four decades with the terrifying threat of an apocalyptic nuclear war and have all wondered what would happen to us if it were ever to occur," said Brandon Stoddard, President, ABC Motion Pictures, Inc. "This film will provide an unrelenting and detailed view of a nuclear attack on the United States and what the effects might be on average citizens living in Kansas, far removed from

political origins or explanations. It is our hope that *The Day After* will inspire the nations of this earth, their people and their leaders, to find means to avert the fateful day."

Much of the program's scenario is based on a 151-page Congressional study by the office of Technology Assessment titled, "The Effects of Nuclear War."

Immediately following *The Day After*, at 10:15 p.m., ABC News will broadcast a one-hour special edition of "Viewpoint." Anchored by Ted Koppel, "Viewpoint" will feature a distinguished panel of experts reflecting different points of view on issues raised by *The Day After*.

Also, KATU will present "Northwest Viewpoint," live at 11:15 p.m., immediately following "Viewpoint." The program, hosted by Rick Meyers, will focus on regional concerns over the nuclear problem.

Lindberg supports hearings on Portland nuclear free zone

After months of considering a nuclear free zone ordinance for Portland to be "not a priority," City Commissioner Mike Lindberg recently announced his full support for public hearings on the viability of such an ordinance. Lindberg stated to New Clear Vision, an organization supporting such an ordinance, that he "would like to encourage that the issue get a full and fair hearing in front of the City Council," and that he "would ask the other city commissioners to give their attention to the [nuclear free zone] issue." With support from Lindberg's office, New Clear Vision will now petition formally for a 1984 hearing date.

Testimony as to the constitutionality and the economic viability of stopping nuclear weapons and parts production in Portland will be the focus of the hearings. New Clear Vision hopes the economic viability

discussion will encourage local companies to disclose the nature and the dollar amount of their nuclear weapons parts contracts with the Department of Defense. This information is nearly always withheld by the companies involved. Full disclosure of the war production currently supported by the Portland community will enable Portland's citizens to evaluate whether or not to continue that production, in the opinion of New Clear Vision activists.

"Commissioner Lindberg responded to the tens of thousands of Portlanders who oppose the nuclear arms race by working last year for a symbolic Freeze Resolution," according to New Clear Vision representative Michael DeChristopher. "Now he is responding to those same people by calling for hearings on a concrete, more-than-symbolic, nuclear free zone ordinance."

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