

# Local Demos build platform

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee adopted a comprehensive, progressive 1984 platform at its recent County Convention.

The Party favors tax policy at all levels that provides for balanced budgets but not at the expense of programs for minorities, the poor, the unemployed, the elderly. This translates into support for a progressive tax system based on ability to pay; opposition to a sales tax; opposition to a property tax limitation. The Party supports the homestead exemption, which would exempt a set value portion of owner-occupied housing from taxation, and support of a tax on intangible personal property (money on deposit, securities and other forms of wealth).

The platform proposes creation of a state-owned and operated public bank which would utilize public and private funds, the earnings of which would be used to promote Oregon business, industry, commerce, agriculture and socially desirable projects.

The platform also proposes formation of a non-profit insurance company to provide legally mandated insurance to consumers. The platform also supports federal funding of life-saving operations and transplants because "no one should be subjected to the level of begging to save the life of a loved one."

The platform reaffirms support for strong civil and human rights laws and affirmative action programs. "We oppose infiltration, snooping or spying by any government agency into the affairs of any legal political party...."

Calling the current economic conditions deplorable and the inflation "mandated by a former Republican Administration" the Central Committee said the Reagan Administration "has opted to conserve the wealth of a few at the cost of jobs for the many." The nation should be put back to work by actively stimulating full employment. Federally-owned banking institutions should be strengthened for the

purpose of financing, at affordable interest rates, essential projects.

The platform asks for federal legislation, in the current season, to protect and manage the Columbia River Gorge; protection of the Willamette River Greenery; a termination of logging in the Bull Run watershed; protection of the shorelines, estuaries and wetlands. It supports setting aside 1.3 million acres for wilderness areas and calls on the Forest Service, State Parks and State Board of Forestry to protect forest lands, practice sustained yield logging, oppose road building and other disturbances when possible.

The Central Committee advocates strict control over toxic chemical and nuclear wastes, their shipment and storage. It opposes expansion of spent fuel storage at the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

The platform supports a three-member elected Public Utility Commission to regulate private utilities (rather than an appointed commissioner) and proposes a Citizen Utility Board to represent residential utility consumers before the Public Utilities Commission, the Legislature, and other bodies. It supports the development of democratically-owned and controlled people's utility districts and municipal utilities.

A fully comprehensive National Health and State Health Plan; full funding of medical needs for the poor; mandated insurance coverage of preventive health services; consumer representation in health planning, make up the health plank of the platform.

"Business has the need to make reasonable profits but not at the expense of exploiting workers and gouging consumers.... Regrettably government has often acted to protect special and favored, usually wealthy, interests at the expense of the public." All workers should have the right to organize, to bargain collectively, and to strike. The platform supports equal pay for comparable worth and vigorous enforcement of all affirmative action programs.

The Party supports legislation to

minimize the effects of layoffs, plant closures or relocations, shut-downs or sales, by large corporations and businesses. This should assure: a) prior notification; b) employer responsibility for severance pay and compensation for tax loss;

c) retraining, relocation and other assistance to employees; d) technical assistance to assist employee or community buy-out; e) support for economic development in declining areas.

Next: Foreign policy.

## Tri-Met hearings set

Tri-Met will hold a series of community workshops on major cutbacks of its bus service to give the public an opportunity for involvement before the changes are adopted. The hearings are scheduled for February 21st at Marshall High School Cafeteria and for February 22nd at Beaverton High School Cafeteria, both at 7:30 p.m., and on February 23rd at the Portland Building, 1120 S.W. 5th Avenue, Room 'C' at noon.

Among the changes to be considered are cut-backs in weekend, evening and night service. Owl Service is to be eliminated. Service on many lines is to be eliminated after 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and after 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Among the changes to be considered are:

#1 GREELEY-Saturday and Sunday service from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. only, once every 60 minutes.

#4 FESSENDEN-Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#6 UNION-Weekdays every 40 to 60 minutes after 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Sundays, 9:00 to 6:00 p.m.

#8 15TH AVENUE-Sundays 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. only.

#9 BROADWAY-Weekdays to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sunday, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

#70 12TH AVENUE-Weekday service to end at 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All trips terminate at Emanuel Hospital.

#71 KILLINGSWORTH-Weekday service to end at 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; no Sunday service.

Additional routes throughout the metropolitan area are also to be reduced. The changes are planned for June 7, 1984.

## Jenkins receives promotion

Forrest and Rita Jenkins say goodbye to Portland, Oregon.

Forrest Jenkins has been appointed District Manager in Omaha, Nebraska for The Farmers Insurance Group. His territory will include an area which has a population of over 500,000. Forrest and Rita wrote over a million dollars of life insurance for 1983. Forrest again qualified for the Life Masters Club, making him a national leader for the 15th consecutive year.

Forrest will remain self-employed in his new position. Forrest and Rita would like to thank the community for their support and business. Thank you for making us a national winner.



Rita & Forrest Jenkins

Forrest has been in Portland for over 30 years and Portland will always be home.

We hope that our financially sound business will inspire other Blacks to go into business. Vivian Warren will service Jenkins' Insurance clients. Her office is located at 1727 N.E. 13th, phone 284-9999.

If you ever come to Omaha, please give us a call. We will be listed in the phone book.

## Urban League Senior Center Opens

The Urban League of Portland is pleased to announce the re-opening of the Senior Citizens and Nutrition program (SCAN). The program has been expanded to provide nutrition counseling, suggestions on food preparation, information on best food buys and tips on special dietary needs as well as distribution of food items.

Mrs. Evangeline Smith and the fine group of volunteers will continue to provide service to the program; however, as a result of a change in the funding source, different guidelines are necessary.

Enrollment in Senior Citizens and Nutrition will begin on Thursday, February 9, 1984, at 12:30 p.m. and will include an orientation session. All interested persons are urged to call and register for this program. Funding for the project is provided by NIKE, Inc., and will run for two years.

Weekly call-in registration is required and only those registering prior to Thursday, 11:00 a.m. may participate in that week's program.

## Bell to speak

Commissioner Charles Jordan's Forum on February 16th will feature Dr. Derrick Bell, Dean, School of Law, University of Oregon. Bell will give a 30-year retrospect on law and race. The lunch will be held at the Portland Center Red Lion, Wahkeena Room, 310 S.W. Lincoln from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For reservations, call Anna Street, 248-4684.

## Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

With the controversy over comparable worth occurring in Washington State, the **Street Beat** team asked, "Should women receive equal pay for equal work?"



Mike Mitchell  
Carpenter

Sure. If they do equal work they should get equal pay.



Mrs. Johnson  
Nurse

Well, of course. Ladies should always get paid. I've been a nurse for 30 years and I don't think we get paid enough.



Betty Walker  
Assistant manager

Definitely! If you're performing a job you should be paid accordingly and pay should not be determined by sex.



Roger Wyatt  
Salesperson

Yes, if they are willing to do equal work.



John Cole  
Forester

Yes, if they are doing the same work as a man then they should get the same pay.



Grace Eastly  
Housewife

Yes. If you do equal work you should receive equal pay.

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