

METROPOLITAN

Cawthorne plays Frederick Douglass

On February 27, 28 and 29, Oral History Programs presents "Agitate: Our Work Is Not Finished," a dynamic interpretation of the life and times of Frederick Douglass, the outstanding 19th century abolitionist and statesman. The performances, at PSU's Lincoln Hall Auditorium, are a benefit for the Black United Front as well as a celebration of Black History Month.

Frederick Douglass was the most prominent Black American of the 19th century. Born a slave in Talbot County, Maryland, in February 1818 or 1819, he spent his first twenty-one years in bondage before escaping to the North in 1838. Despite his humble beginnings, he rose out of slavery to claim his rightful place in American society during those turbulent years before, during and after the Civil War.

Over the course of his long public career, Douglass gained a wide reputation as an abolitionist orator and newspaper editor, a supporter of women's rights, a statesman, diplomat and presidential advisor. Douglass was a highly regarded spokesman for the newly freed slaves during the Reconstruction, and the holder of three federal appointments, beginning in 1877 when President Hayes named him U.S. Marshall for the District of Columbia.

Frederick Douglass is portrayed by Herb Cawthorne, a member of the Portland Board of Education



HERB CAWTHORNE

and an administrator and teacher at Portland State University. Cawthorne began doing oral history programs 12 years ago as a college instructor to encourage students to read more about history. "Agitate"

brings together all those years of effort, as Cawthorne takes the audience through Douglass' experience of slavery, his struggle for education, his involvement in the anti-slavery movement, his

development as an orator, and his leadership during Reconstruction.

The performances are fittingly offered as a benefit for the Portland chapter of the Black United Front, an activist organization which, in the spirit of the struggle of Frederick Douglass, has fought to improve the conditions of the Black community. The BUF was instrumental in creating change within the Portland Public Schools, leading the district and the community toward a more equitable integration program that focused on providing a quality education as the cornerstone of the program. The BUF has led the fight to make the Police Bureau more sensitive to the concerns of Black residents and was a leader in the creation of the Citizen's Review Commission in our city. The Black United Front has the respect and admiration of those in our city who want to see equality exist for all, who believe that the reality of democracy is only great to the degree that all people enjoy the benefits of freedom and opportunity.

High school students from the Portland Public Schools will attend two matinee performances, planned for Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, February 29. These special performances are enhanced by a special curriculum package prepared for teachers by Dr. Darrell Millner, Chairman of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University.

N.E. plans Tri-Met meetings

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc., announced this morning that it will host a community workshop with Tri-Met officials and planners over the proposed cuts in service and fare changes scheduled to go into effect in June.

Richard Levy, Chairman of the Coalition Board, said that after citizens and board members raised the issue of Tri-Met's proposed community workshops at locations in Beaverton and far Southeast Portland and a noontime meeting in downtown Portland on Thursday, February 23, 1984, he began negotiations with Tri-Met's Linda Moss to set up a community workshop for the North/Northeast area.

The Coalition will host the Tri-Met Workshop on Thursday evening, March 1, 1984, at 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of King Elementary School, at 7th and Alberta. Citizen input is being sought by the Tri-Met planning staff in attempting to meet their expected large budget deficits. Among those routes scheduled for deep cuts in frequency of service and shorter hours of operation, with some buses stopping at 6:00 p.m., are routes #1 Greeley, #4 Fessenden, #6 Union, #8 Fifteenth Avenue, #9 Broadway, #19 Glisan, #26 33rd Avenue, #40 Halsey, #41 Fremont, #55 Mock's Crest, #70 Twelfth Avenue, #71 Killingsworth and #84 52nd-60th Avenue. Further, all Owl Service would be discontinued.

Although there will be a public hearing on the proposed changes on March 15, 1984, this Monday evening meeting in King School will be the only opportunity to let Tri-Met know what changes citizens of North/Northeast Portland believe should be made in their schedule, prior to the completed plan's introduction to the Tri-Met Board. This meeting will offer an excellent opportunity for bus riders, businesses and taxpayers to express their service needs to the people who decide the schedule.

Among other changes proposed by Tri-Met are those for the fare system: 1) a decrease for suburban riders with maximum costs of adult fares of \$1.00 and 2) discontinuance of discount ticket sales.

Citizen lobby appeals conviction

Five members of a citizen's lobby—New Clear Vision—who were arrested in Senator Bob Packwood's office on November 9th, are appealing their convictions for failure to follow the directions of a federal officer. Each was fined \$10.00.

The group first visited Senator Packwood's office on October 26th, following a rally protesting the in-

vasion of Grenada by the U.S. A group of 140 protestors entered Packwood's office to discuss the invasion with him. The office manager, Elaine Franklin, first asked that the group be reduced to 15, then proceeded to have those 15 arrested. The arrests were stopped when Packwood called from Washington, D.C.

Several women decided to picket the Federal Office Building each Wednesday noon and New Clear Vision decided to meet in Packwood's office every Wednesday to write letters to their Congressmen. Of concern was Packwood's support of the invasion.

On November 2nd, members of New Clear Vision spent two hours in

Packwood's office writing letters. When they returned on November 9th, the office had been rearranged so there was no seating area for visitors and they were directed to sit in front of the door. After 15 minutes federal police entered and informed the group that they would be arrested for loitering. After another 15 minutes passed, five persons were arrested. New Clear Vision continued to meet weekly in Packwood's office. They charge that the office manager has constantly changed the ground rules and harassed them.

Following another arrest threat, they suspended their letter writing sessions and are planning a more direct action.

PCC accepts LPN/ADN apps

Portland Community College announces an early closing date for those wishing to apply to its LPN/ADN Nursing Program. The closing date is earlier this year to facilitate admissions testing and placement, according to Eva Johnson at the college.

Applications are due in the Health Professions Admissions Office at PCC's Sylvania Campus no later than Thursday, March 1 for admission to programs beginning in September, 1984.

Regardless of past academic history, applicants must attach a copy of their high school transcript or GED to their completed application. Applications may be picked up in the counseling department at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth; in the placement testing area at PCC's Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Road; and in the Health Professions Admissions Office at PCC's Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue.

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Demos hold meeting

District 18 democrats will have a general meeting on Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m., at Neil Kelly Designs, N.E. Alberta at Albina. Enter by the rear lighted door from the parking lot off of Albina. Call 281-8126 for information.

Notice From U.S. District Court of SETTLEMENT TO: ALL BLACK APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND ALL PRESENT AND FORMER BLACK EMPLOYEES OF THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD

This notice is to inform you that a settlement between the Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN), and the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and counsel in a class action has been reached in a race discrimination employment practices case (1) on behalf of black applicants for employment who were not hired by BN, and (2) on behalf of black present and former employees of BN. Thirteen international unions representing BN employees are also involved in the case and the settlement. The Court has preliminarily approved the settlement consent decree, and will reach a final decision as to its fairness and adequacy after class members have had an opportunity, if they wish, to comment on or object to its terms.

Black persons who applied for employment to BN or were employed by BN at any time between March 1, 1970 and November 21, 1983, are members of the class and may be entitled to cash awards or other relief as part of the settlement.

Cash awards will be made to class members who file claims out of settlement funds provided by BN amounting to \$10 million which will be used solely to pay those claims. Any excess remaining after those claims are paid will be used to promote the interests of black people. In addition, you may be eligible to be considered for future vacancies at the Company on a priority basis, to transfer into certain vacancies or to otherwise benefit from agreed upon changes.

To be eligible to share in this \$10 million fund, you must obtain and file a claim form. Claim forms, with filing instructions, and a summary of the settlement, may be obtained by supplying in writing your name and current address by mail to:

Lead Counsel for the Plaintiff Class

Paul C. Sprenger, Esquire or Charles H. Barnhill, Esquire
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You may also contact government counsel: Bruce B. Elfvin, Esquire
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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission,
#1 Playhouse Square, Suite 600,
Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Or, if you call toll free 1-800-223-9001 or in New York state only (1-212-245-3151), and supply your name and address, a claim form will be sent to you. All completed claim forms must be postmarked on or before May 15, 1984.

You may view a copy of the settlement consent decree itself and the full record in the case at any office of the EEOC or at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, file reference **In Re Burlington Northern Employment Practices Litigation**, MDL 374, 78 C 269.

The Court will hold a hearing at 9:30 a.m. on April 2, 1984, at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. At that time, the Court will hear comments and objections, if any, from class members regarding the consent decree. You need not be present in court to file a claim or receive money from the \$10 million fund or otherwise benefit from the settlement. You will be represented there, as you have been throughout this litigation, at no cost to you by class counsel. If, however, you want to comment on or object to the settlement, you must file your comments in writing with the Clerk of the Court by March 16, 1984, and you may then appear at the hearing with an attorney of your own choice, at your own cost. You will, however, be bound by the judgment of the Court, whether or not it is favorable.

George N. Leighton
United States District Judge

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