

# November ballot fills

by Chuck Goodmacher

Oregonians will vote on up to thirteen different statewide initiatives this November. If all of the twelve batches of petitions submitted to the Secretary of State by 5 p.m., last Friday, have enough valid signatures, it will be the largest number of ballot initiatives in 70 years. One initiative to be voted on in November was referred to the voters by the Legislature.

The issues span a wide range of social, economic, religious and political concerns and many are sure to generate immense controversy. One observer in Salem noted the vast amount of energy and organization a statewide petition effort requires, and said some of the campaigns are stronger organizationally than either major political party. Several of the petition organizers claim to have registered large blocs of voters while petitioning.

Several efforts to place measures on the November ballot fell short of their goals. Among them were measures to: eliminate land-use

laws; expel the followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh from Oregon; place an Oregon Equal Rights Amendment in the state constitution; impose a sales tax; and a separate lottery with the proceeds to go to mass transit.

Initiatives are assigned ballot numbers corresponding with the order in which they are submitted to the Secretary of State's office in Salem. Statutory measures intended to change existing laws within the current framework of the Oregon Constitution require 62,000 valid signatures, and constitutional amendments 83,361. The Secretary of State has until July 21st to determine the number of valid signatures per petition.

## ISSUES HOPING TO MAKE NOV. '84 BALLOT

Initiative	# of signatures
Changes minimum requirement for recall of public officers	Referral
Property tax limitation—"son of 3"	124,000
Citizen's Utility Board to lower utility bills	90,500
Lottery	100,000(C)
Lottery	93,961
Death Penalty restored	100,000(C)
Death Penalty restored	86,000
Expand police power—"Victim's rights"	90,000
Legalize Marijuana for private use	84,500
Tighten radioactive waste disposal laws	84,500
Ends voter registration 30 days before election	80,655
Prohibits state-funded abortions	80,877 (C)
Lower public employee's pay to that of the private sector	74,762

# Mayor Andrew Young to address Portland

The Honorable Andrew Young, Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, will be in Portland on Saturday, July 21st, 1984.

Mayor Young will be guest speaker for the World Affairs Council of Oregon at a dinner meeting Saturday evening, July 21st, at the Hilton Hotel. He will offer a critique of U.S. foreign policy, and comment on the events of the Democratic Convention in San Francisco.

No host cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel Grand



ANDREW YOUNG

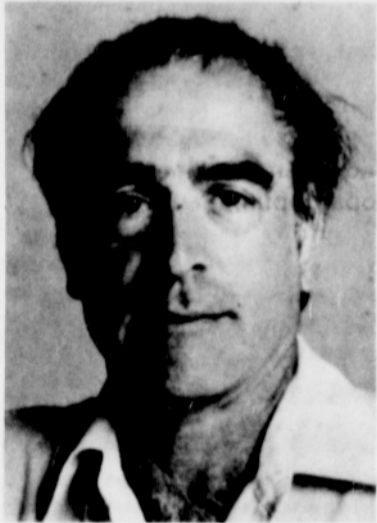
Ballroom. Dinner reservations must be made by July 19th, \$25.00. Contact the World Affairs Office: 229-3049.

## Oregon Demo Chair sees victory

Dick Celsi, Chair of the Oregon Democratic party, is confident the National Democratic Convention will nominate "the next President of the United States."

Surprised by the candidacy of Jesse Jackson, Celsi said he could predict the impact the coalition of Black voters could have.

"As a traditional Democrat, I have noticed the non-involvement of minorities in the Democratic party for years. I have always recognized that it was not going to happen (coalition) until it happened around an individual."



DICK CELSI  
(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Celsi said he believes Jackson's candidacy has had its primary effect in the Black community. "The Hispanic community is generating its own ethnic involvement, but they are attracted to Jackson because the same issues involve both communities. Jackson attracted white voters who would have voted anyway, but for someone else." In Portland, the Citizen's Party was among the first to add their color to the Rainbow Coalition. They recognized that third parties are not effective, Celsi added. "They were searching for a legitimate way to get into the two-party system. Jackson offered them that opportunity."

The threshold rule incorporated by the party in 1976 is among the constraints limiting Jackson's ability to receive delegates. Celsi said, "The feeling was, in 1984, the Democrats should unite early to take Ronald Reagan on. They tried to work the rules so fringe candidates would not interrupt the process. If there was a scattering of delegates, there would be a battle on the convention floor in order to come out with a winner. That would not serve the best interests of the party in going against Reagan. They did not anticipate Jesse Jackson. Some states have found ways to get Jackson delegates and some have violated their own rules in getting them."

He said people should watch the action between conventions to see if the threshold rule is changed and suggested those interested lobby the four Oregonians on the study committee who will assist in rewriting the rules.

He added that the conflict of various factions within the Democratic party will work itself out after the convention is over. "And we will be together because the overpowering issue in 1984 is Ronald Reagan."

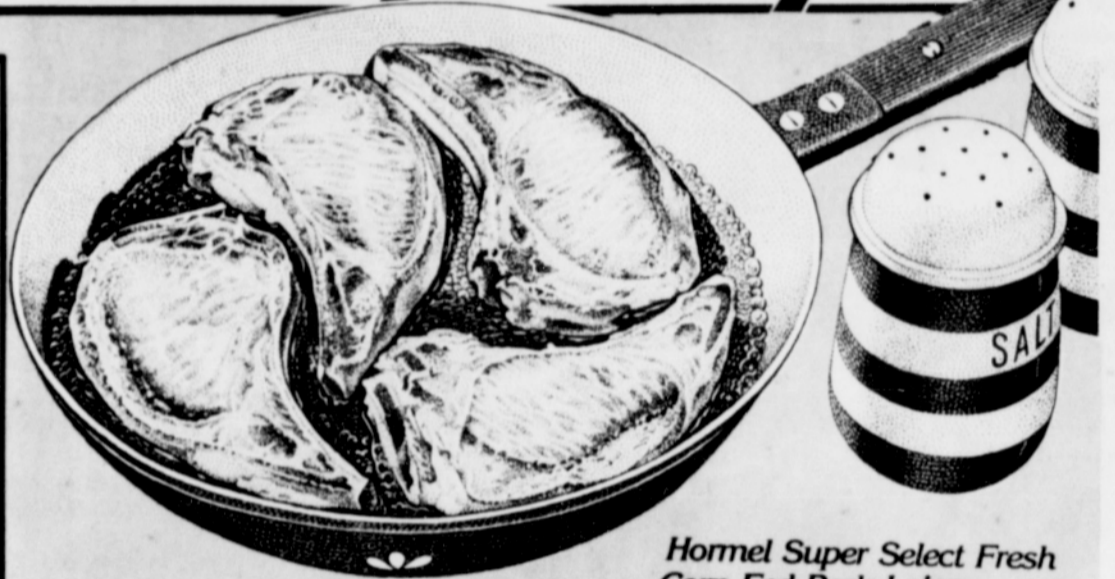
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