

METROPOLITAN

Sign of the times graces Portland tavern

by Robert Lothian

"Another four more years of starvation" reads the sign in front of Ruby Bryan's Jockey Club Tavern, 1001 North Killingsworth.

The plucky tavern owner put the sign up on the day after the election to express her and her customers' feelings about the prospects for another four years of Ronald Reagan.

"It's my readerboard and I express my opinion on it," said Bryan, 58, who has owned the Jockey Club at its present location for five years. "Would you say the economy has picked up since Reagan got in? I think for the next four years we're all going to starve."

Bryan said many of her customers are retired and worried about their social security payments. Others are members of the "lunchbox trade" who have lost their jobs. Some have had to move elsewhere to seek work, leaving their families behind, she said.

Pensioners who walk to the tavern from nearby apartments are "worried all the time about their pensions, whether Reagan's going to cut it," she said. "They're worried that their social security isn't going to be there any more." Bryan herself wonders,

NAACP holds elections

The Portland Branch NAACP will hold its biennial election for branch and national officers on Sunday, December 9, at Hughes Memorial Church, 111 NE Failing. In order to facilitate the checking of the branch membership roll to certify voters, the doors will be open at 3:30 p.m. instead of the usual 4:00 p.m.

The Branch will receive annual reports and a review of the year will be made by the president, Mrs. Hazel G. Hays. Speaker at the meeting will be Dick Bogle, candidate for City Commissioner. The Branch heard from Herb Cawthorne at the November meeting.

Mrs. Hays and the branch chairman of the elections supervisory committee Lucius Hicks urge all NAACP members to come out Sunday and vote for their officers. Candidate for president is Ora L. Nunley, Youth Advisor for Northwest area NAACP; 1st Vice President Harvey L. Rice; Secretary Bobbie Nunn; Treasurer C. C. McCorvey. There is a contest for 2nd Vice President between Bobbi Gary, Robert Phillips, and Dr. Clarence Pruitt.

The Northwest area NAACP is having its next quarterly meeting January 20, 1985 in Bremerton, where they will be offering training and policy for NAACP officers and interested branch members. Therefore the Portland Branch will have its January meeting and installation of officers on January 13.

Black prison forum slated

Uhuru Sa Sa welcomes the community to the Second Annual Black Prisoners Forum. This probably concerns you since 51 percent of Black males are arrested in urban cities at least once a lifetime. Friday, December 14, 1984, the Black Prisoners Forum will take place at the King School.

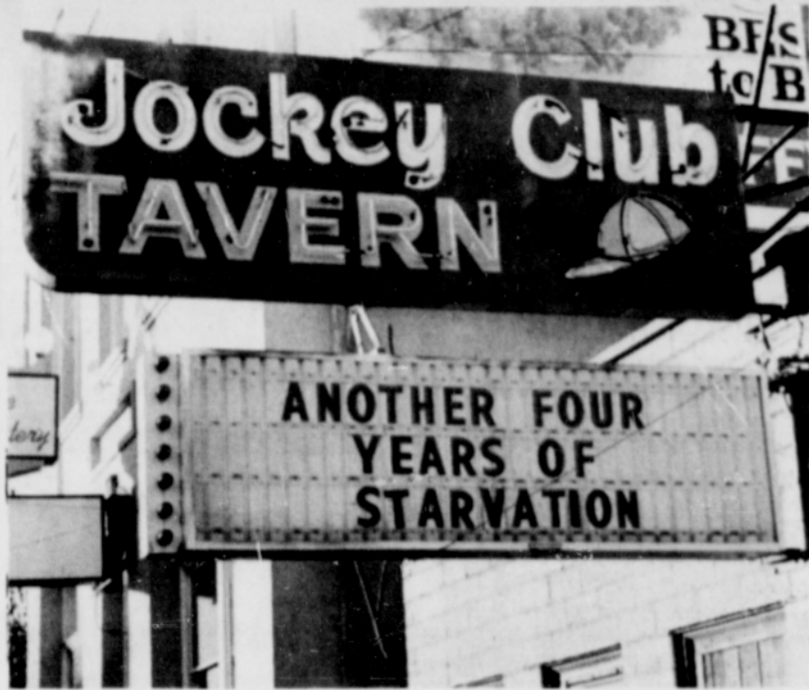
The issue is racial disparities in the American Justice System. To address these issues we have put together a number of interested parties. Robert Watson, Corrections Administrator; J. C. Keeney, Superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary; Ron Herndon, Co-chairman of the Black United Front; Halim Rahsann and Margaret Carter.

Leading the press panel will be Ms. Lanita Duke and Art Alexander along with other media personalities.

There will be presentations made by inmates from the Oregon State Penitentiary. Come out and join us December 14, 1984, from 6 - 9 p.m., at 4815 N.E. 7th, Portland, Oregon.

This concerns you.

We regretfully apologize for the cancellation of the November 30th meeting.



Sign on N. Killingsworth tavern displays anti-Reagan message. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"Is my social security going to be there when I'm ready?"

"We have a lot of Ironworkers in here," she continued. "These guys are all friends. They've worked together for years. They are all able-bodied men, but they have to go to California to find work."

"It's just a shame that Oregon has to be depressed like it is. California isn't. I don't know why Oregon has to be that way. He certainly isn't doing much for Oregon," she said of Reagan.

Bryan entered the tavern business in 1964 at the original Jockey Club lo-

cated just up the street at 800 North Killingsworth. "I have some of the original customers," she said. "I remember the dads and the mothers and they've got the kids coming in now," she said.

"I have a beautiful neighborhood tavern here. It's been here for umpteens years," she said. For Halloween, she brought in a large pumpkin and the customers had a contest to guess how much it weighed.

Many of Bryan's customers walk to the tavern. "If I didn't have the walk-ins from the apartments it would really hurt me. I'd hate to be a tavern they'd have to drive to."

Bryan has been in the news before with her readerboard message. The most famous, "Caution — Drunks Crossing," made a UPI photo that was carried nationwide in June, 1982. Bryan said she put the sign up "just for fun" but "OLCC got upset about it because of the notoriety." Another said, "Hot beer, cold coffee, bad service — call for reservations."

Some of her messages are for customers' weddings and greeting friends when they return from a trip, she said. She put up, "Good morning, Leonard" once for a friend who drove by early in the morning on his way to work. "At 4:30 in the morning he'd look up there and say, 'Well, somebody's thinking about me,'" said Bryan.

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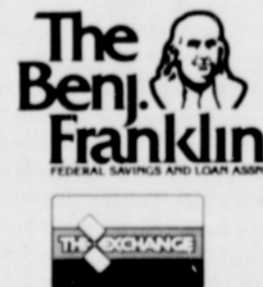
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