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Rev. John Jackson, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church,

and Ronnie Herndon, Black United Front, are hand-

cuffed and taken to waiting police car following sit-in at Portland office of new South African consulate. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Anti-apartheid protestors arrested at Yamhill Market

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — "We would like to leave a message for Calvin Van Pelt. We want him to resign as the South African honorary consulate. He is doing a disservice to the City and State by representing a country that is the moral equivalent of Nazi Germany. And we plan to stay here until he resigns!"

So started the charge of trespassing against Ronnie Herndon and Rev. John Jackson, who were in the office of Martin Sales International Corporation, where Van Pelt represents the interest of the racist regime of South Africa.

Outside the Dayton Building, 838 S.W. First, where Van Pelt has his office, a 200-person crowd cheered as Herndon and Jackson were escorted in handcuffs to a police car.

With a chorus of "Van Pelt's got to go," and "Freedom, Yes! Apartheid, No," the lunch hour demonstration

on December 12th connected up to the national movements of confrontation against South Africa where public officials and leaders are performing various acts of civil disobedience. They want to highlight the 4300 persons who have been arrested under South Africa's Internal Security Act that detains those who speak out against apartheid, and the South African consulates operating within the United States.

Avel Gordley, a member of Portlanders Organized for South African Freedom (POSAF), said another purpose of the protest was to call attention to the plight of Kate Philip who attended three Portland area schools as an exchange student from South Africa. She has since been the target of arrest for speaking publicly for freedom.

As a South African consulate, Van Pelt promotes South African tourism and trade in the city. "The Portland Chamber of Commerce en-

courages business with South Africa by printing brochures that make South Africa look like the African equivalent of Disneyland," Herndon added.

Intolerance is growing against the presence and economic support the U.S. covertly and overtly gives the South African government.

Gordley said anti-apartheid actions in Boston, Pittsburgh and Denver prevented consulates in those cities from opening and operating. "The Mayor of Seattle has sent a letter to South Africa requesting the consulate to close. Also, dockworkers in San Francisco refused to unload cargo from a South African ship. We are calling for a work stoppage at the Port of Portland against South African cargo and ships. I believe the chances are good that this office will close. Every Wednesday and Friday we will demonstrate in front of the Dayton Building until he resigns and the consulate closes," Gordley added.

Portland City Council race:

Top two discuss issues

by Lanita Duke

With the City Council election less than a week away, this is how the candidates — Dick Bogle and Herb Cawthorne — stand on five of our community's most pressing issues.

Q. Considering the lack of Affirmative Action enforcement, what would you do as a City Commissioner to enforce Affirmative Action?

Bogle: It is up to each individual commissioner to enforce Affirmative Action. When I'm assigned a bureau I will call in the managers and ask them where they are at in terms of hiring women and minorities. I will determine whether they have reached their goal or reestablished a new one. I will be very emphatic in stating that I want that goal reached, not only in terms of recruitment, but in terms of retention and the upward mobility of those hired.

Q. What is your position on the City Club's proposal for zoned prostitution and how would you alleviate street prostitution?

Bogle: From the very beginning I was against the idea of the legalization of prostitution. It is degrading to women, children and the man. We have a lot of traffic in child prostitution and the legalization would not attack that problem. Prostitution brings with it companion crimes such as murder, drugs and robbery. It can't be eliminated but controlled. You can take a balanced approach — jail and alternatives.

Cawthorne: There is a short-term and a long-term solution. In the short-term stronger enforcement, present programs do not provide police with significant resources to fight prostitution. They take a stab at it, it lasts for a little while, and later prostitutes are back on the street. The long-term solution is to recognize the condition women are in. To more from there and provide diversification programs and alternatives. If police put pressure on the buyers most of the prostitutes would leave.

Q. If elected, would you view your constituency as those who are under-represented — the low-income community and people of color?

Bogle: Certainly, I'm a person of color and I have been low-income. Between the years of 1953-59 I was either unemployed or underemployed. I know what it is like to have little or no money. I plan to represent all the people of Portland with special emphasis on Black people. That is my ethnic responsibility.

Cawthorne: I see my position as representing all the people of Portland. My background and experience provides me with the unique ability to understand that everyone in this society has to move forward for the whole. In the primary my strength was in the neighborhoods where people felt disenfranchised. The reason I had that support is that I paid as much attention to people of color and the low-income communities as I did to anyone else.

Q. What will you do to foster eco-

conomic development and correlate that to reducing the unemployment rate in the city?

Bogle: One of the things I would like to see happen is for the Public Development Commission to reprioritize their standards so a venture fund can be established to fund businesses who may not meet their current standards. Also, a first source agreement with businesses where they will hire minority youth and neighborhood people.

Cawthorne: It takes creative thinking and organization. I will take proposals to businesses to help build an organization to implement ideas.

Q. Would you support a city-wide cultural boycott against entertainers who are on the United Nations list to boycott because their presence in South Africa lends support to apartheid?

Bogle: I would not support a city-wide boycott with an ordinance. I would not go see those entertainers and would use my influence on others not to go.

Cawthorne: Personally, I would support that, but I would not prevent the Performing Arts Center from scheduling performers on the list. I would not go and will encourage others not to see them.



HERB CAWTHORNE

Cawthorne: The Affirmative Action policies that the city has are good. Policies are the framework and leadership is the energy to make policies work. Leadership in the city is lacking. I will ask city commissioners to improve their Affirmative Action positions before I vote for their budgets. I will make it clear to my bureau heads what I expect from them in the area of Affirmative Action.



DICK BOGLE



City Council candidates Dick Bogle and Herb Cawthorne debate before the City Club.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Candidates answer concerns

Dick Bogle

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — If a special election was not required by the City election charter, Dick Bogle would be the new commissioner. But a run-off is required between the top two and a 10,000 vote difference separated Bogle from the second runner Herb Cawthorne.

Bogle, a former police and newsman, is fighting an uphill battle in the community as generation after generation passes down the perception that Bogle was a tough cop.

"Those complaints are based on folklore, misconceptions and lies. I will admit that I was very persistent, dogged and determined, but I was dealing with Black-on-Black crime. I never shot, hit or pulled a gun on a citizen."

Bogle said the narrowness of the police administration during 1959-69 led him to resign. "There was no future for a Black police officer in a department that had such a narrow view of community relations."

In joint appearances throughout the city, Bogle has been given the title of an anti-gay candidate. He answers this perception by stating, "I abhor

homosexual acts but I try to separate the actions from the actor. In terms of being an elected official, I cannot take his tax money without giving him his full rights. However, I don't believe homosexuals should be given minority status when it comes to employment nor should they be covered by the State's racial harassment laws."

If elected, some view Bogle as a status quo commissioner. But he pointed out his willingness to go against an organization that endorsed him — the Police Association. The Association were among the main

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Herb Cawthorne

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — When Jesse Jackson said his political impact would have a lasting effect on local politics, the grassroots political survival of Herb Cawthorne could be used as a practical example.

Cawthorne, a School Board member and an administrator at Portland State University, ran second in a field of 17 candidates. Some outspent him while other relied on traditional political resources that proved

ineffective.

Cawthorne is not without his criticism as his verbal prowess projects a flashy image that some Portlanders say they cannot trust.

"Well, I've always known that the more you know the more you need to know. My record in the community and the city are the basis of trust," he responded. During his tenure on the School Board, Black children have faced a wide variety of disproportions in suspensions, achievement levels and those receiving modified diplomas. Cawthorne said in 1970 when he took his seat on the Board, the disproportions were much worse than they are today. "Many of those problems are institutional. What is important is that Black concerns are now inside the system. I will be able to do more for children on the City Council than on the School Board."

Others who have heard Cawthorne speak over the years said they have noticed a change in content. They view some of his stands, such as the nuclear free zone, as socialist. Cawthorne called this perception of him "narrow."

Will the powers that be in this city accept a Herb Cawthorne on the City Council? "The one thing I have learned about politics is that you will never receive 100 percent support. I'm an independent person. I listen

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