

# METROPOLITAN

## Portland may get third sister-city

by Robert Lothian

Portland attorney Michael Royce, a member of the Lawyers Committee Against U.S. Intervention in Central America, visited the Nicaraguan seaport town of Corinto in December.

Corinto has been proposed as a sister city for Portland by city commissioner Mike Lindberg, and Royce works with the Corinto sister city committee. He showed slides of his visit at the downtown library recently, and he described what could soon be our next sister city, after Guadalajara, Mexico and Sapporo, Japan.

A huge crane dominates the island of 30,000, which is situated on an city and connected to the mainland by a bridge. Although its facilities are primitive by Portland standards, said Royce, Corinto is Nicaragua's major port, handling 80 percent of the country's foreign trade.

Corinto has been a target of anti-Sandinista contras attacking from U.S.-supplied speed boats, and in October, 1983, they were successful in destroying large oil storage tanks on the waterfront. The attack, which was later documented as having been directed by the CIA, caused millions of dollars in damage and hurt the small country's economy. The entire town had to be evacuated because of the huge fire.

Royce's slides showed rusted piles of steel and misshapen remains of the large tanks. The repair effort continues over two years later. He described seeing new Russian tractors working at the site in a reconstruction project. "It turned out they were the MIGs," said Royce, referring to an alleged shipment of Russian MIGs (which turned out to be only a rumor), that sparked fears of a U.S. invasion immediately after Reagan's reelection. "Our friend told us the wings were coming soon," he said, drawing a laugh.



Attorney Michael Royce (center) and Jeff Silver (right) talk with member of the audience following Royce's slide presentation on the Nicaraguan city of Corinto. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"You see evidence of the contra war everywhere," he said, including street corner plaques honoring loved ones who had died in fighting in the mountains. He added that Corinto has several times been the site of invasions by U.S. Marines earlier in this century.

Royce said he and his wife stayed at one of only a couple of hotels in the city. Before the 1979 revolution which overthrew the dictator Somoza, the hotel had been a brothel in Corinto's four square block red-light district. The red-light district is gone for the most part now, and the population of prostitutes has been reduced to about 40, according to Royce.

"They have a very non-coercive attitude toward the prostitutes," he said, speaking on a subject that also concerns Portlanders. Present and former prostitutes are provided free

health care, child care and alternative jobs by the government, said Royce. "We view them as friends," he was told by the local leader of the national women's organization. "And the pimps have been eradicated," he continued. "They were Somoza agents when Somoza was in charge."

While touring a health clinic, Royce said he met some Cuban doctors. "They were easy to pick out because they had beards and smoked big cigars," he said, drawing another laugh.

He said he was impressed with the way the desperately poor country stretches its resources. Surgical gloves are washed, sterilized and reused, he said, and in schools where there are no desks, "the kids bring things from home, or they just sit on the floor."

Such conditions made him realize that "material aid is an important way of showing support." The sister city committee is getting organized to gather school supplies, medicine, tools and other supplies to send to Corinto, he added, and to gather public support for a city council vote on Corinto as a sister city this spring.

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## PCC seeks new directors

Filing for the four board vacancies on the Portland Community College Board of Directors is now underway for the March 26 election.

Positions to be filled include Zone 1 (Lake Oswego, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood and a portion of Beaverton south of Farmington Road), Zone 4 (downtown Portland areas from west 25th and east 57th, from southeast Powell north to Ainsworth), Zone 5 (southeast and southwest Portland) and Zone 6 (northwest Portland from Washington Park to include portions of east Washington County).

Incumbents Bill Hamilton (Zone 6) and Lynda Mayo (Zone 4) have indicated they will not seek re-election. Bill Grenfell (Zone 5) has filed for re-election and Becky Mansfield (Zone 1) has not yet reached a decision about running for re-election.

Persons interested in running for the board seats must be qualified

voters of the PCC district and reside in the zone where they file as candidates. Each position is a four year term beginning July 1, 1985.

To become a candidate, a person must file either a petition or a declaration with Multnomah County Director of Elections by February 14, 1985 at 5 p.m.

A petition requires at least 25 signatures of registered voters residing in the district or 10 percent of the registered voters residing in the district, whichever is less.

Filing by declaration requires a \$10 filing fee. In either case, the candidate must complete a Filing of Candidacy form.

Fact sheets and forms for filing are available from the Multnomah County Director of Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, or from PCC, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, in the president's office, CC B17.

## Energy workshop celebrates third year of success

While weatherization programs that are designed to help low-income households do exist in the Portland metropolitan area, there is only one project that shows people how to apply low-cost weatherization materials on their own, teaches them how to conserve and helps them save money. In short, it shows them how to help themselves. That is the Community Energy Project.

The Community Energy Project (CEP) was founded three years ago by active members of the Eliot Energy House on Williams Avenue in North Portland. Since that time, through its publications and workshops, CEP has provided conservation information, low-cost weatherization materials and the know-how to install those materials to over 2000 Portland households.

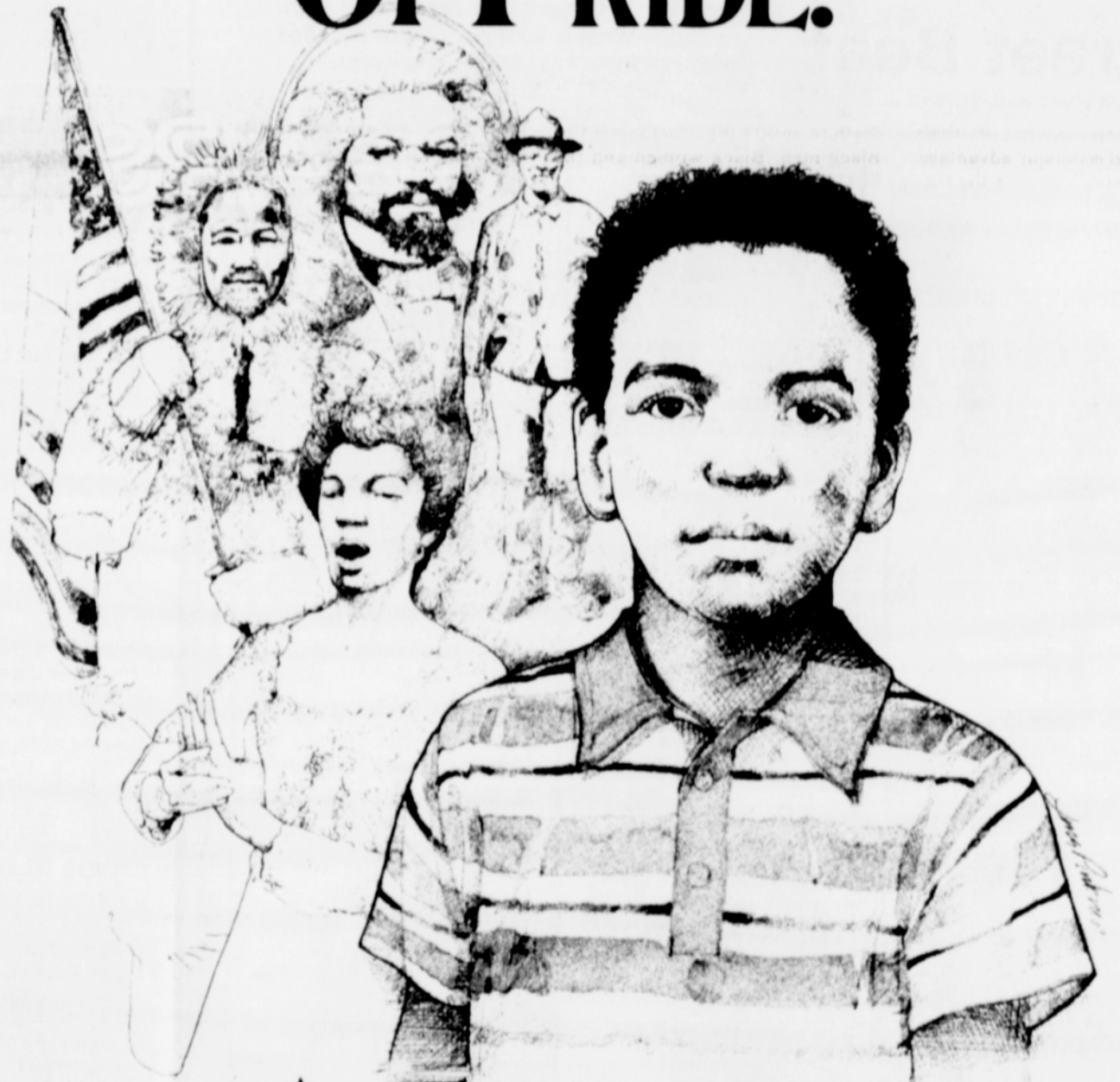
This year attendance at CEP workshops has been higher than ever. While some people have forgotten the energy crisis of the 1970's, energy costs continue to take an ever increasing portion of income from low-income households. Easy and inexpensive solutions are needed for the age-old problems of staying warm and paying the bill.

The Community Energy Project offers solutions. It works with Portland area utilities, social service agencies, neighborhood associations and others to identify those most in need of its services. In cooperation with the Community Action Agencies, CEP encourages people who receive Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP) to attend a two-hour workshop to learn how to use their energy dollars more wisely.

This year, like last year, the Project has contracted with the City of Portland's Bureau of Community Development to provide thirty workshops to Inner Northeast and Southeast neighborhoods. In addition to learning conservation and weatherization skills, each income-eligible renter or homeowner at these workshops will receive for free \$50 worth of weatherization materials to use in their home.

All Community Energy Project workshops are open to the public. For information about how you can attend one of the CEP workshops and receive free weatherization materials, call the Community Energy Project, 284-7868.

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