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Mayor Bud Clark announcing the firing of two police officers involved in the sale of controversial T-shirts.

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T-shirt affair:

Mayor Clark fires two officers

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Saying it was a "relatively easy decision," Mayor Bud Clark reiterated the recommendation of his police chief and terminated the two officers who sold T-shirts reading, "Don't Choke 'Em, Smoke 'Em."

"No one with the level of judgment displayed by these two officers should remain on the force," Clark said at a Tuesday afternoon press conference.

After conducting an eight-day investigation, Police Chief Penny Harrington found the two police officers' actions to be a gross violation of established bureau policy.

"The men were on duty, they were selling the shirts for profit on police

property and it was terrible judgment," said Harrington.

At a Monday night neighborhood meeting, Harrington had this to say about the response from the police union who plan to challenge the termination.

"I have to do what I believe is the right thing. If the police union does not support it, I still have to do the right thing. If they want to take some kind of action expressing their disapproval with me, then I guess that's what they have to do," she added.

Calling the termination "political," Stan Peters, president of the Police Association, said the union would appeal Clark's decision.

"The slogan on the T-shirts was not racist, but a reaction against the

temporary suspension of the carotid (sleeper) hold," Peters said.

The Police Union was instrumental in the reinstatement of the officers involved in the opossum-tossing incident when police officers threw dead opossums in front of a Black-owned restaurant.

Officer Pantley, who claimed Stevenson hit him, was among the group of officers who witnessed the incident. The next morning Pantley adhered to the code of silence when asked if anyone knew about or witnessed the incident.

Harrington was asked if she believed the officers involved in the opossum incident were disciplined properly. She hesitated and reluctantly answered, "No."

Stevenson inquest

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Multnomah County's first public inquest in a decade will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday as witnesses and police participate in a forum to gather information on what happened April 20th, the night Tony Stevenson died as the result of a sleeper hold administered by a Portland police officer.

Michael Schrunk, Multnomah County District Attorney, will preside over the inquest. Six jurors are selected at random and jurors may be excused if they are related to or had been associated with the deceased, if they witnessed the death or if they are biased. Jurors will be selected randomly from the list of registered voters in Multnomah County.

Schrunk said since people of color comprise only 9 percent of the population, then 9 out of 100 jurors se-

lected will be a person of color.

Chief Harrington said the possibilities of a Black being on the inquest jury or the grand jury is rather limited.

Schrunk cautioned that the scope of an inquest is limited to identifying the deceased person, when and where he died, and the cause and manner of death.

Also, the findings of an inquest are not admissible in a grand jury, civil or criminal proceeding. After the inquest, jurors will answer these three questions and the D.A. will forward the verdict to the State Medical Examiner's office.

The inquest is taking place while other inquiries and investigations are being conducted. The U.S. Justice Department will see if Stevenson's civil rights were violated, a citizen's committee will review the use of force by the bureau and the police and various media are also exploring different angles.

"Out of these different investigations, we will get as close as humanly possible to the facts of what went on that night," Schrunk added.

Harrington said the inquest and the grand jury could return two different decisions. It's impact on police/community relations will be "terrible."

"No one will ever know what happened. How can you take the same set of facts to two different bodies and have two different answers? It will create a lot of distrust in the community," Harrington added.

More than 30 people, including eyewitnesses and the police, will participate in the inquest.

Schrunk noted, "It's tragic what happened to Mr. Stevenson. Out of it, lessons will be learned. We are hearing from all segments of the city, saying 'Let's solve this and move forward'."

Nuclear free zone supported

by Robert Lothian

Mayor Bud Clark said last Wednesday that he will introduce a nuclear free zone ordinance to the City Council, possibly before July.

Clark's statement came at the end of a day of hearings on whether production of nuclear weapons and components should be limited or banned within the city.

Nuclear free zone supporters speculated that the council might take a straw vote, but voting was put off until an ordinance is introduced.

The city attorney had drafted an ordinance, yet none of the council members were willing to sponsor it. "I couldn't introduce it because I didn't agree with the language," said Clark.

Last week's hearing was a repeat of one last fall.

Supporters who have been working for a nuclear free zone for two years appeared satisfied with Clark's promise to introduce an ordinance.

But earlier, some witnesses expressed impatience with the council.

"We'd like them to finally take a position," said Jeff Liddicoat, co-director of the anti-nuclear group New Clear Vision. "They've been doing this for two years now," he said. "They can run tapes of these things."

Other witnesses spoke of the negative effects of nuclear weapons production on mental health, civil liberties and children. Many school children were present.

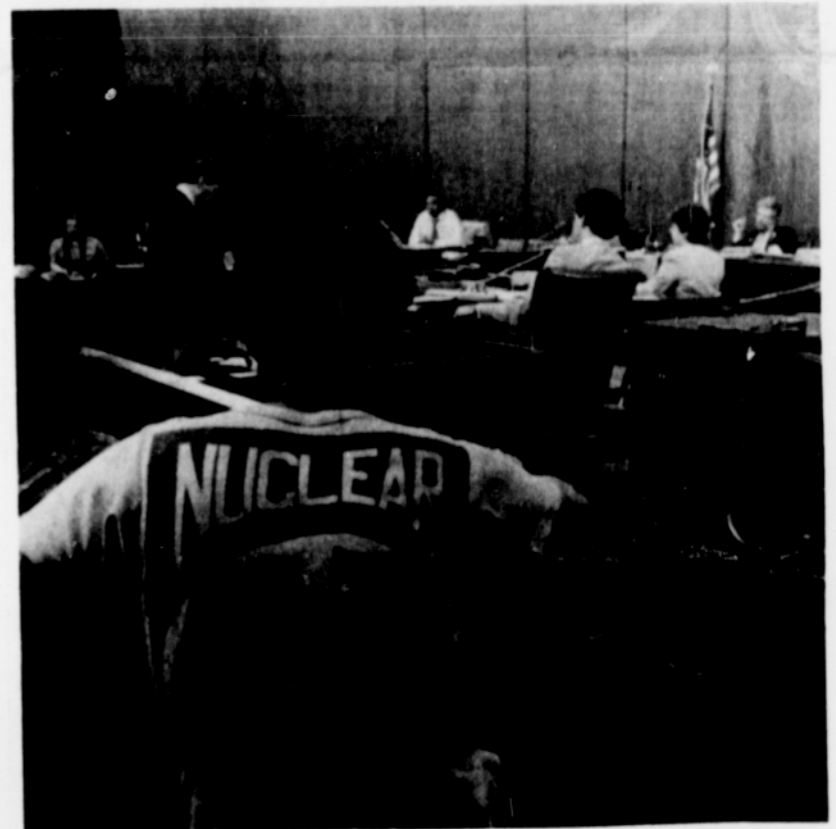
Dr. William Caldicott, formerly on the staff of Harvard Medical School and husband of Dr. Helen Caldicott, the Australian anti-nuclear activist, graphically described what a 20 megaton nuclear bomb could do to Portland.

"Complete and utter destruction" would occur within a 20-mile radius and people "would literally disappear, leaving shadows on the concrete," he said.

Much of the testimony concerned economic effects.

"Not a single job would be lost" if the ordinance was passed, said Liddicoat. "Economic conversation" to peace-time production could compensate for lost revenues, he said.

But Don McClave, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, disagreed. Companies that do occasional defense work would reconsider locating in Portland, and the city could forget about Navy ship repair contracts if the ordinance was passed, he said.



City Council members and supporters listen to testimony by Rabbi Emanuel Rose during Nuclear Free Zone hearings.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown.)

"The economy is very fragile. . . it needs to be encouraged," said McClave.

Ed Cooley, president of Precision Castparts Corp. in Milwaukie, said his company makes metal castings, "harmless in themselves," for the nuclear-capable cruise missile.

Clark took exception to the testimony of one pro-nuclear free zone witness. "I'd like to think that I'm sensitive to my children, and to my constituents," said the mayor.

Cooley mentioned OECO Corporation's recent move from Portland to Milwaukie. "Because of these things they are leaving Portland," he said.

OECO makes parts for nuclear weapons, say protesters who have picketed the company.

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Commissioner Kafoury announces wider services: Youth, health care, drug programs

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Multnomah County Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury announced recent policy decisions which will augment, supplement and create a variety of human services for 1985-86.

"Future revenue predictions are not promising. State aid may be reduced, federal revenue sharing cuts are expected and there's always the threat of a successful property tax limitation measure. But the county still feels it is essential to begin these new services and programs," Kafoury added.

Through a transfer of funds from municipal services to county-wide services, Multnomah County will provide alternative programs which will expand youth care, prenatal services and health care to the medically indigent. By restructuring the county's

multicare program, twice as many individuals are expected to be served.

Commissioner Kafoury said the highlight of this additional funding was the expansion of alcohol and drug treatment services for county youth, adding, "Youth have been drastically impacted by past budget cuts. They have not been getting the services they need."

She also highlighted additional funding for prenatal services for low income women, saying, "We'll have a system where any pregnant woman can obtain care if needed."

The focus on human services is a departure from the county's priorities years ago when inner city residents shouldered a double tax burden as they paid for municipal services to unincorporated Multnomah County as well as City Municipal Services.

"It kind of balances things out," Kafoury noted.

Below are a list and dollar amounts reflecting the increase in human services funding:

Increased Human Services Funding for FY 1985-86 (Multnomah County General Fund)	
Youth Alcohol and Drug Services	\$ 250,000
Prenatal Care (600 women)	300,000
Children/Family Mental Health	130,000
Teen Health Clinic/ Demonstration project	50,000
Juvenile Services Commission	100,000
Services to Seniors	80,000
Multi-Care/Restructuring	180,000
Chronic Disease Prevention	122,000
Chronic Disease Prevention/ Burnside Area	115,000
(Justice Services Funding)	
Prostitution Alternatives Council	40,000
Child Support Enforcement/ D.A.'s Office	54,000
Close Street Supervision	110,000
Domestic Violence Services	117,000
Probation Counselors/DUII	84,000
Total	\$1,732,000

Minority Business Com. revived

The Portland Federal Executive Board has reactivated the Minority Business Opportunity Committee. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Doran, Corps of Engineers, will endeavor to assist Federal contracting officers, minority businesses and prime contractors in the field of contracting. Major events planned for this fiscal year include updating and distributing the Minority Business Directory, publishing the "The Catalyst" newsletter, and sponsoring workshops for federal contracting officers, MBE's and major private sector contractors.

The Minority Business Opportunity Committee is in the process of preparing for publication the Minority Business Directory. This publication will include MBEs in the state of Oregon and Southwest Washington. It is hoped that businesses and Governmental agencies will find the directory to be a useful tool in the identification of minority owned firms that are capable of providing products and/or services that they require. The directory is being published based on the currently available information on minority owned businesses.