

## Salvation Army sends help to earthquake-stuck Mexico City

The Salvation Army in Portland is collecting contributions of cash and donated items for victims of last week's earthquake in metropolitan Mexico City, which leveled thousands of buildings and left many dead, injured or homeless.

"At this point, the most urgent need is for cash donations," said Lt. Colonel David P. Riley, commander of Salvation Army operations in Oregon and southern Idaho.

"However, people who have lost everything need everything. The Salvation Army will rush medical supplies, food, and clothing to the site of the destruction as soon as it is possible to do so."

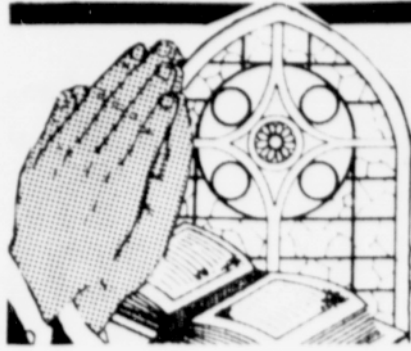
Salvation Army officials in Mexico City have been working around the clock since the earthquake's occur-

rence, digging out victims and supplying emergency care.

The Salvation Army has approximately eight stations in Mexico City, most in the city center area. Miraculously, none were seriously damaged, and the buildings have been turned into emergency shelters.

"Portlanders have demonstrated their generosity in meeting local needs time after time," said Lt. Colonel Riley. "I'm confident Portlanders will once again supply a great deal of assistance to the earthquake victims in Mexico City."

The Salvation Army nationwide has established an emergency Mexico Earthquake Relief fund. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact The Salvation Army in Portland at 234-0825.



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### Announcement

Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs, quarterly meeting, September 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1615 N.E. Killingsworth. Topic: "Is There a Crisis in the Black Leadership in Portland."

### Witness for Peace in Central America

The Board of Directors of the American Friends Service Committee, (AFSC), in a rare public witness, will hold a religious vigil and procession in Washington Sunday, September 29 to call for a re-direction of U.S. policy in Central America and on refugees in this country.

Hundreds of Quakers and supporters are expected to take part in the activities which begin with a 2 p.m. silent religious ceremony at the Vietnam War Memorial. The procession then moves to the Organization of American States Building, and finally to a vigil in front of the White House.

"Over many months, we have become more and more alarmed by a tragically mistaken U.S. policy of military intervention in Central America," said board Chairperson Stephen G. Cary. "Now we feel compelled as a Board, to register our profound protest in some visible form."

"The linkage between peace and justice has never been clearer than in Central America today, where grinding poverty and repression have provoked revolutions which our government seeks to suppress with military power."

The day will reflect a deep Quaker religious commitment with an urgent need and call for a change in U.S. policies. An AFSC statement for the day said "As our nation seems inevitably drawn toward a widening and intensifying war in Central America, we feel compelled to demonstrate our anguish and our renewed commitment to work for peace."

The AFSC has worked since 1917 for justice and peace in the United States and in countries around the world. Its Central America activities include humanitarian assistance to those suffering from war and repression, support of refugees in Central America and the U.S., and advocacy of a non-interventionist U.S. policy in support of peace and justice.



Dr. Herbert L. Baker, sponsor of Health Fair 1985, and Aaron Hamlin, National Black Evangelical Association and sponsor of the 4th Annual Christian Education Conference, were very pleased with the

300 plus people who participated in the Medical Screening Services and Workshops held at PCC Cascade Campus Saturday, September 21, 1985.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

### Earthquake relief

In response to the earthquake and its devastating tragedy in the lives of the people of Mexico City, an emergency relief fund to provide for food, clothing, shelter and medical aides has been established by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a consortium of fourteen denominations working together throughout the State of Oregon. The earthquake relief funds will be administered through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, which has world-wide relief efforts in place.

Moneys may be sent to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, 0245 S.W. Bancroft St., Portland, Oregon 97201. Contributions should be clearly earmarked "Earthquake Relief."

### Churches call for national strike in South Africa

The president of the Methodist Church in Southern Africa, the Rev. Peter Storey, is among religious leaders in that country calling for a national day of prayer and fasting by workers on Oct. 9.

Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu of Johannesburg called the action "one of God's miracles." The church leaders said they felt bound by God to give a visible sign of hope to those who experience the pain and despair of the South African experience.

### United Methodists dissatisfied with South African investment

Strong dissatisfaction with a recently issued statement on United Methodist investment policy in South Africa has been voiced by the North-eastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops, and by members of an inter-board panel on international issues.

The Rev. Richard S. Parker, a New York City pastor, said he was "heartbroken" that pressure put on corporations to divest will not have effect until 1987. The bishops said that the statement drafted at a mid-August consultation on investment policy "does not go far enough in meeting

the clear consensus expressed by the General Conference" for divestment in corporations doing business in South Africa.

The August meeting was attended by representatives of all 13 of the denomination's national and international agencies. It called for a blend of three strategies in dealing with investments in companies doing business in South Africa—shareholder advocacy; selective divestment; and full divestment if certain standards are not met.

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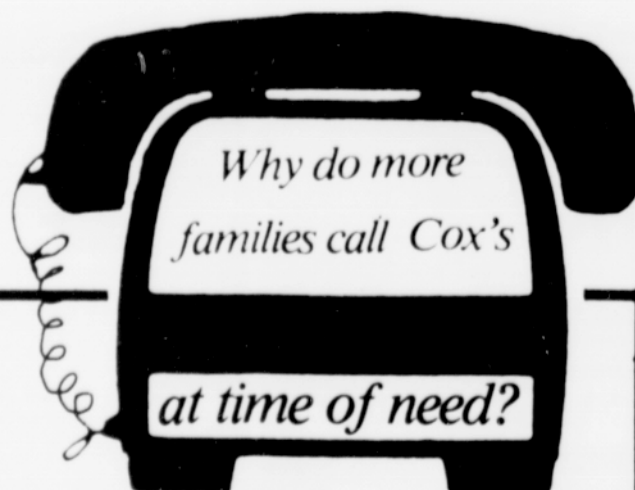
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